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A PRAYER ON MOTHER'S DAY

O God, who made our mothers' love a mirror of Thine own above,
Surround their lives with joy today and keep them strong in faith, we pray.
May Thy good Spirit mother them and store with pow'r their garments' hem.
Replenish love's expended store with Thine that, giving, grows but more!

—*Madeleine Sweeny Miller*

Jochebed's Wages

Alice Reynolds Flower

HAS EVER AN EXPECTANT MOTHER known a darker hour than Jochebed?

Amram, her husband, was a veritable slave under the lash of cruel taskmasters in Egypt's brickyards.

In addition, their unborn offspring faced the possibility of an early death. Pharaoh had become alarmed at the rapid growth of the Hebrew nation, and had commanded that all male babies born to the Hebrews should be killed at birth.

Jochebed fully realized the danger—yet she, like every good Hebrew mother, ardently hoped that her baby might be a boy and might prove to be the promised Messiah.

True, the Hebrew midwives were willing to ignore the command of Pharaoh and spare the baby boys. But the death sentence stood and it would surely be invoked when the secret became known.

From a natural viewpoint, the outlook was dark indeed; but in this particular dwelling there was the light of steadfast faith in Jehovah. This Hebrew couple laid the whole matter before their God. They poured out their hearts in prayer, and received a deep assurance that when the crisis came there would be a way.

Finally the child was born—a boy! "A proper child," they said he was. Jochebed lifted her heart to God in faith and said, "This child shall live." Her husband was of the same mind and heart. They were agreed in the matter—and there is no withholding from a father and mother united in claiming God's blessing and provision for their children.

How concisely and beautifully the apostle expresses the attitude of these parents in Hebrews 11:23: "By faith Moses, when he was born, was hid three months of his parents, because they saw he was a proper child: and they were not afraid of the king's commandment."

"Faith grows amid storms," they say. It was true in their case. All the wrath of Pharaoh against the Hebrews only strengthened their faith in God. They were not afraid of the king's threats. The God of their forefathers—of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob—must have been real to them. Amram and Jochebed kept their eyes on Him, rather than on Pharaoh, and that was the secret of their victory. Do you remember the old saying: "Fear knocked at the door; faith opened it, and no one was there." It's still good

for today. We need to put our fears out of the way when we face any difficult situation, and the way to banish fear is to declare our faith in God.

Then came the miracle of those first three months. Those godly parents kept their baby boy right in their home and didn't let the authorities know of his presence. How they did it I cannot understand. There must have been plenty of Egyptian guards carefully patrolling that part of Goshen. Didn't little Moses ever cry? Or did the "proper child" only cry when there was no one near to report his existence to those who might seek to kill him? Some day we shall ask them about it.

Anyway, the baby grew until he was three months old, and by that time the mother knew that she could keep him hidden no longer. She must find some other way to preserve her darling. Did she and her husband talk it over and make it a matter of special prayer? Probably so. And they felt led to make a basket of bulrushes reinforced with "slime and pitch." They were not a

wealthy family; they had to use what common materials were available: but these were adequate to make a water-tight ark in which the precious child could float in safety.

Let us pause here to mention the blessing of simple things. Every parent desires to provide security and happiness for his children, but some make the mistake of thinking they must give them luxuries, expensive clothes, extravagant pleasures, choice possessions. These things do not give children security. Instead they may feed abnormal tastes and foster selfish desires. True security springs from a proper relationship between the parents and their children in the fear and love of God.

Only today a school teacher's wife (a young mother herself) told me of the early poverty in her parents' home. They lived on a farm far up in North Dakota, and knew the pinch of economic limitations; but she said, "There was always a feeling of definite security among us children. Mother was always home when we returned from school, and we felt so satisfied to have her greet us. On bitter cold nights Father sometimes sat up all night to keep the house warm and yet guard against the danger of fire. We children knew what he was doing and we felt safe in our beds. Our food was simple but it nourished us." And so, looking back she could recall a happy childhood. Their house was a very plain building on a dreary stretch of North Dakota prairie, but it was a happy home.

A lack of personal attention on the parents' part, especially the mother's, is cited

The Mother Jochebed

*Her wages? Not the mere Egyptian coinage
Placed in her hand from out the royal store.*

*Her final wage no earthly scales could weigh
For Jochebed, who with a steadfast faith
Placed the babe Moses in the rush-grown Nile
(But only to receive him back again
Into her arms).*

*Straight was her action then,
Nursing and training as she taught her child
The holy values of her Hebrew race.*

*The years were all too few. How she used them
The later service of her child made known.
The days when he was far beyond her reach
Revealed to all her faithful mother care.*

*The man who led God's people forth in pow'r
A testimony left us for all time—
The wages of the mother Jochebed.*

—Alice Reynolds Flower

as an important contributing factor in the tragic youth problem of today. Never was the need of wise, attentive, understanding mothers greater than now. Sadly mistaken are those mothers who needlessly leave their home to accept jobs merely to provide extra material advantages for their children. No multitude of material gifts can ever make up for the close fellowship that is denied the children by the mother's absence from home at critical hours.

What a different home it is—and what a different outcome for the children—when the mother treasures and follows Paul's wise exhortation, found in Hebrews 13:5: "Let your conversation [behaviour, manner of life] be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for He hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee."

Faith, hope, and love made Jochebed's fingers nimble as she shaped the common bulrushes into a cradle for her baby. How carefully she placed him in it before she carried her precious burden to the water's edge.

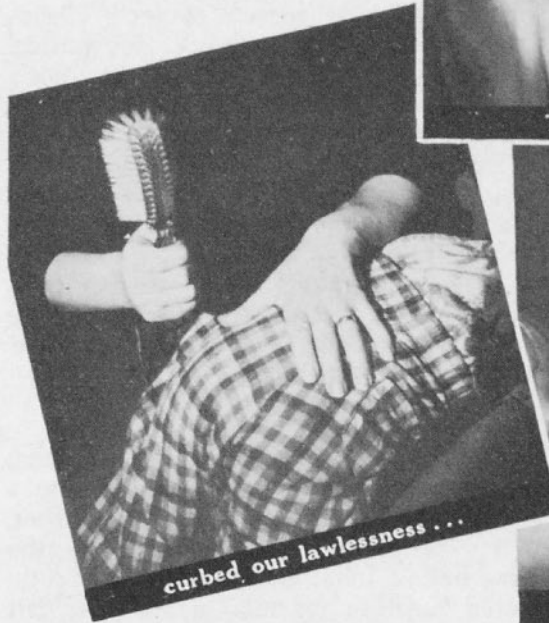
Think for a moment. Pharaoh had said, "Every son that is born ye shall cast into the river" (Exodus 1:22). And now Jochebed was actually taking her baby and casting him upon the river, in that frail little ark—the very river that had been marked for his destruction! Was it presumption? Or was it faith?

Did not the faith in that mother's heart change the whole situation? Was it not her faith that caused the baby to be carried right from the ark's hiding-place among the river-flats into the presence of Pharaoh's daughter, who received him with open arms and a tender heart? The story seems incredible, doesn't it? Yet many of faith's achievements seem incredible to natural reasoning.

Miriam played an important part in the affair. She must have imbibed some of her parents' faith as through the weeks and months she watched developments. Bravely she approached the princess with a wise suggestion. She offered to get a Hebrew mother to nurse the child. Her offer was accepted. Her young legs never traveled faster than that day when she ran to fetch her willing mother to the spot. How the little Moses must have cooed as he felt his mother's arms enfolding him once more! Jochebed had committed her way unto the Lord, and now she saw Him bringing it to pass.

Little did Pharaoh's daughter know the full implication of her words to the overjoyed mother—"Take this child away

Mother's Hands



and nurse it for me, and I will give thee thy wages" (Exodus 2:9). "Thy wages!" No doubt the princess paid her well. Jochebed would have been foolish had she not accepted the wages. But what of the fuller wages sent from God as a reward for Jochebed's faithfulness? Were they not far greater?

Those parents felt their responsibility very deeply, and embraced every opportunity to mould the tender child for God. They early instilled in him the fear of Jehovah, the truths of His power and faithfulness—the teachings they had received from their fathers. They felt, as every parent should feel, that they were working with God in a task of eternal consequence. The time was short—the moments were precious—so Amram and Jochebed made the most of it.

It was Spurgeon who wrote: "It is of no use to try to bend a tree; we must begin with the sapling. It is best to train young fellows before the down comes on their chins. If you want a bullfinch to pipe, begin with him when he is young; he will never catch the tune after he has learned the wild bird's notes. If you do not teach your son the ways of the Lord, the devil will teach him the

ways of sin. Sow the wheat soon, for there are weeds in the soil already, and Satan is watching to sow his tares."

While Jochebed had the child in her keeping she wasted no chance to press home vital teaching. "Line upon line, precept upon precept; here a little and there a little." Those seeds of truth lived on in the fertile mind and heart, growing from day to day. She had planted well and a good harvest was certain. Did Solomon think of Moses when he wrote those words, "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old he will not depart from it" (Prov. 22:6)?

For material care and provision Jochebed's wages were paid at once. It was some years before the true wages were paid by God. Did Jochebed live long enough to see the full return for her labors? We do not know. But Israel and the whole world benefited from her faithful motherhood. The days grew darker in Goshen. The Hebrews suffered more and more. Then God called Moses to lead them out to freedom. Moses and Aaron, both sons of Jochebed, were the men God used to deliver His people out of bondage. One plague came after another; finally the momentous Passover Night, and the crossing of the Red Sea, and miracle after miracle. Here were the wages that meant the most. Here was the return for those days of testing and sacrifice on the part of Jochebed. Her faith and Amram's had given Israel a man God could use to deliver His people.

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THIS WEEK'S COVER

Graduates of Central Bible Institute will recognize the gracious lady on the cover as Eleanor G. Bowie, affectionately known as "Mother Bowie" to the thousands of friends she made while serving as Dean of Women at CBI.



LOYALTY CAMPAIGN

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Victory and Achievement

THE CHRISTIAN HOME

ALAN REDPATH

I WANT TO TAKE FOR THE BASIS OF OUR meditation this text: "And when he had considered the thing, he came to the house of Mary the mother of John, whose surname was Mark; where many were gathered together praying" (Acts 12:12).

This text is a window through which we may look into a New Testament home.

It is interesting that this home is spoken of in terms of the woman, not the man. It may be that she was a widow, but nevertheless it is true that very often it is the mother who makes the home what it is. I want you to observe three things which mark this New Testament home.

I

First, it was a home to which people instinctively went when they were in need. "When he [Peter] considered the things"—when he recovered his senses, when he discovered what God had done for him in the amazing, miraculous deliverance from jail—he realized he was in desperate need of help, and he decided to go to the house of Mary, the mother of John.

You will observe that it was not a church to which Peter went, but a home. One of our great weaknesses today is that we look upon the church building as the base of all of our testimony and activity for the Lord. What tremendous strength there would be in the fellowship of a church if every home was a base of operation instead of just one church. That is always the New Testament conception.

Why did Peter go to Mary's home? I suggest to you that her wealth of spiritual experience was widely known. He went there because he knew that she was the kind of woman who would be able to help him in the time of difficulty. Do you think it is possible that your lack of spiritual experience is the reason why so few people come to your home when they are in trouble?

They came to Mary's home—the neighbors went there and Christian people went there—she didn't have to go chasing after them. How much of our Christian activity is spent chasing after unconverted people who run to get away from us! Oh, what a need there is in Christian lives today for attractive Christian living—not a greater knowledge of doctrine, but a winsomeness, a radiance, a sweetness, a graciousness, a love, a

gentleness that attracts to Jesus Christ. Alas, the spiritual ignorance, the spiritual immaturity, the impatience, the quickness to take offense, the criticism, the unsympathetic words—there is so much that is repellent about our Christian testimony that other people just won't come to us when they are in trouble. Something is wrong, not with our doctrine, not with our beliefs, but with our character. Oh, that our homes would be like Mary's home, where people instinctively would go in time of need.

II

The second thing that emerges from this text is this: Mary's home was a home in which people knelt in prayer. "He came to the house of Mary the mother of John, where they were gathered together praying." I am sure that it wasn't the first time that people had met for prayer in that home. I have a feeling that John Mark would often remember the sound of voices lifted up to God in prayer.

I think of one home especially where

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I know the father or mother could take me around and tell me of answers to prayer that have taken place in every room—a home where burdens are shared, a home marked by serenity and strength, an absence of strain and rush, where there is gentleness in conversation and sweetness in spirit and graciousness in manner. Could that be your home?

I heard some time ago of a busy housewife who was seeing her husband off to business in the morning. Things had been a little more hectic than usual in that home for the last few days, and as he went out he said to her, "I think you need a day off."

"Just like a man! Could I ever take a day off?" she retorted angrily.

She hadn't read her Bible lately; there had been no quiet time in that home for awhile; but that day she took her Bible and she read of the woman who was sick with the fever, and the Lord touched her and her fever left her. She said, "Lord Jesus, give to me and my home that touch today. Touch my home; take away from it the coldness, the formality and the deadness; and once again, Lord Jesus, give us Thy love."

When her husband came home that night he looked at her and said, "Oh, I see you took the day off, didn't you?" You see what I'm talking about. It is very simple but very practical.

They knelt in prayer in Mary's home and they took the burdens of other people upon their hearts. Everything didn't just center around their own little family circle with their troubles and their complaints. There was always a concern for other people—that's why other people went there.

Is there a room in your home which, if the walls could speak, could tell of prayers offered and wonderful answers? Could you say to me, "Pastor, you see that chair"? "My neighbor next door was unhappy—it wasn't a Christian home, and there was trouble, and gossip had started. I went last week and left her some flowers. Nobody had ever done that before, and she cried. Then she came just a day or two ago and unburdened her heart to me. I opened the Word of God to her and told her about my Saviour; and she knelt down beside that chair, and there she was born again." Do things like that happen in your home? Is it a home in which people kneel for prayer?

III

There is one other thing that I want you to observe from this text. It was a home from which people went out into the service of the Lord. In the 25th verse of this chapter we read, "Barnabas and Saul returned from Jerusalem, when they had fulfilled their ministry, and took with them John, whose surname was Mark." This wasn't a home simply

where people came in and out to visit, but where people came in for prayer and went out to serve, a home that was a base of missionary operations.

In that mother's heart, even though she might have been a widow, there was a great concern for her son, John. Many times she went to the Lord and said, "Lord, I have given this boy to Thee; I want to see him out in the field; I want to see him a missionary; I want to see him blazing a trail for Thee."

Isn't it true that many of us are satisfied to see our children grow up and have a good job and perhaps step right out of the will of God in doing it. Our greatest longing is to see them happily married and living not too far away so that we may continue to have them, at least in part. How many fathers and mothers really make the supreme longing

of their heart that at least one member of their family will blaze a trail for God?

If I know anything about a mother heart, I'm sure that when John Mark went to this mother and said goodbye, as he set out for missionary service for the first time, there was many a tear shed. But I'm sure that when he had gone Mary knelt down and thanked the Lord for an answer to prayer.

You see, the test of a church is not its crowd, not its money, not its preacher, but its homes! Let's search our hearts about this thing. How rich are we in terms of Christian families and Christian homes? Have we homes where people come when they are in trouble? Have we homes where people meet around a common mercy seat and frequently kneel in prayer? Have we parents whose supreme passion and desire it is that at

least one of their children might blaze a trail for God on some mission field at home or abroad?

Perhaps God has been looking through the window of your home today and has put His finger upon some shortcoming. Do you have the thing that people want today? In spite of your orthodoxy, in spite of your regular church attendance, in spite of your sacrificial giving to God, somehow in your heart and in your home is there a lack of the ring of sincerity and spiritual reality? Are sympathy and graciousness and love and kindness and tenderness missing? Then look up into the face of the Lord today and say, "Lord Jesus, it's Thee I need. Come into my home and make it like Mary's home."

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Story of the Pawned Book

AT THE AGE OF SEVENTEEN, W. P. Mackay left his humble Scottish home to attend college. His mother gave him a Bible as a parting gift, on the flyleaf of which she wrote her name, his name, and a verse of Scripture.

The young man knew the story of God's redeeming love, and he could not forget his religious training. The memory of his mother's radiant Christian life kept him immune from the temptations of college life for a while. However, he had never yielded himself to Christ in personal conversion, and as the years went by he gradually weakened and began to sink to the level of some of his fellow-students. After graduating from college he associated with infidels, drunkards, and profligates. At length he became the head of an infidel club where they practiced everything that was licentious and vile.

His life of sin broke his mother's heart. Nevertheless she kept praying for the salvation of her son, and died with a prayer for him upon her lips.

Meanwhile young Mackay had become a doctor in a city hospital. He was a man of ability and he earned good money, but wasted it on liquor and evil habits. One day in a drunken stupor he pawned the Bible his mother had given him, in order to get more whiskey.

He was on duty one day when a bricklayer, crushed and bruised by a fall from a ladder, was brought into the hospital. Dr. Mackay ministered to him and was struck by the peace and radiance that he saw in the patient's face. Somehow it reminded him of his dear mother.

The injured man was in great pain, but he only smiled and said, "What's the verdict, Doctor?"

"Oh, I guess we will pull you through,"

the doctor replied. "You'll be all right."

"No, doctor, I don't want any guess," the patient said. "I'm not afraid to be told the truth. If I die, I know I will go to be with the Lord Jesus Christ who promised, 'Him that cometh to Me I will in no wise cast out' (John 6:37). I came to him a year ago and accepted Him as my own personal Saviour. I'm ready to die. But I want the truth—just what is my condition?"

Dr. Mackay replied, "You have at the most three hours to live."

The brightness on the man's face did not dim at the news. "Will you do me a favor?" he asked. "In one of my pockets is a two weeks' pay check. Will you send it to my landlady, and ask her to send me the book?"

"What book?" inquired the doctor.

"Oh, just the book," the patient answered. "She will know."

Dr. Mackay arranged for the man's request to be granted, and then he moved on to another patient; but those words, "I'm not afraid—I'm ready to die," kept ringing in his ears.

The doctor was known for his calloused heart. He had never been known to inquire about a patient from any personal interest, but later that day he returned to the bricklayer's ward and asked a nurse concerning him.

"Oh, he died just a few minutes ago," the nurse informed him.

"Did he get the book?" asked the doctor.

"Yes, it arrived shortly before he died," she answered.

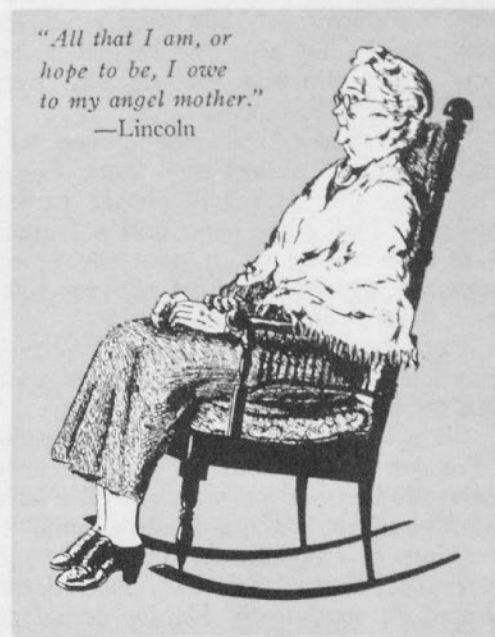
"What was it? His bank book?" inquired Dr. Mackay.

"No, it wasn't his bank book. He died with it under his pillow."

"What book was it?"

"All that I am, or
hope to be, I owe
to my angel mother."

—Lincoln



"Go and see—it's still there," said the nurse.

Dr. Mackay went to the bedside, reached under the sheet and drew a Bible from under the pillow. He opened it and his eyes fell immediately on the flyleaf. There, to his astonishment, was his name, and his mother's name, and a verse of Scripture, all in her handwriting. He caught his breath. It was the very Bible he had pawned!

Slipping the book under his coat, he went directly to his private office. There he opened the Bible and gazed again at the familiar writing on the flyleaf. To think that this very book, unused by him, and pawned for a trifle, had been the means of guiding a soul to the Saviour, brightening his dying moments, and eventually falling into his own unworthy hands once again!

He leafed through the precious volume and noticed that many of the verses were

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TEN-YEAR PRAYER MEETING

--AFRICAN STYLE

A True Story by Bess A. Olson

W. J. PLATT OF ENGLAND LISTENED with astonishment to the French lawyer in Great Bassam, Africa. "I can't believe it," he murmured. "It's fantastic!"

It was in 1913, and he had been sent to negotiate for the reopening of the English church in Great Bassam, which two years previously had been closed by the French; but what the French lawyer was saying drove everything else from the Englishman's mind.

"Away yonder," said the lawyer, waving his hand toward the Ivory Coast, "are thousands of village people waiting for you. They have even sent a deputation here asking us to send them missionaries. Queer bunch of natives—folks call them 'Harris Christians.'"

Platt inquired around town. "What is this I hear about 'Harris Christians' waiting for a missionary?"

"It is true," answered the townspeople. "For years thousands of natives have been sending out the message: 'We have burnt our amulets and fetishes. Send us teachers to enlighten us.'"

Though limited for time, Platt determined to investigate. Hardly daring to believe, yet feeling a strange thrill of hope, he started the trip by dugout canoe along the lagoons that run for two hundred miles behind the coast. What he found was amazing—in every village crowds turned out to welcome him!

"You are the white man we have been waiting for!" they cried. "You are the answer to our prayers!"

In triumph, in shouting and singing of hymns, they led him to their villages and to their churches. Yes, unbelievable as it seemed, each village possessed a church made of stones, blocks of red latrite. Some were roofed with elephant grass. Others, however, had roofs of corrugated iron, which the natives had carried on their heads for miles from distant towns. Each church had a tower and bell.

At the village of Cosnos, Platt preached to five hundred natives packed into the church. An even bigger crowd met him at Toupa. Everywhere he was greeted enthusiastically and the natives listened with hungry hearts.

The time he had allotted for investigation, however, was soon over. He must return to England. The people stared at him out of dark, bewildered eyes. "But you cannot go!" they cried. "We have waited for you for ten years!"

"Ten years!" gasped Platt. "You have waited—tell me!"

They told him, then, of the coming into their midst ten years before of a "prophet," William Ward Harris, a "man of God." He had passed through the Ivory Coast country with a message of salvation from the "true and living God." He had gone on to the Gold Coast, but he had left behind thirty thousand hearts praying for further revelation.

"Prophet" Harris was a Kroo by race. Born in Cape Palmas in Liberia, he was converted at the Wesleyan Methodist church. He went about Liberia, testifying everywhere; then in 1903 he began a missionary tour of the unreached villages of the Ivory Coast. Carrying a large cross made of bamboo, and a Bible, which some authorities claimed he could not even read, he denounced the heathen religions and preached in the name of Jesus.

"Put away your false gods!" he commanded. "Pray to the true God, Maker of heaven and earth. Buy yourselves Bibles that you may be ready when one shall come who can read them to



A typical African market scene near a rubber plantation. The traders may offer their wares to plantation workers.

you. Some day God will send a white man to you who will tell you all about Himself and His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ!"

He preached with such fervor and power that everywhere multitudes destroyed their fetishes and shrines. "He is a prophet," they declared, "come to tell us of God."

As his fame grew, crowds of men and women came from upcountry, trooping along forest paths to hear him. Fetish priests were powerless before him and the people eagerly drank in the message of the living God. It was a message of love—a message they longed to hear.

And though Harris' gospel was elementary—"Idol worship is wrong, charms unavailing; there is one God and one Saviour, Jesus Christ"—it held. The people built their churches. Through a wandering salesman they were able to procure large family Bibles in English, which they kept in honor on tables in their churches.

They selected "preachers" from their own midst and, long after Harris had passed on to the Gold Coast to stir up the people there in a similar manner, they continued to meet at their churches every Sunday at the ringing of their bells.

True, they could not read the big Bibles, nor could their preachers do much more than lead the meetings; but they could sing the hymns that Harris had taught them, and they could pray. Sometimes the preachers would make a trip to Great Bassam, hear a sermon, and come home to preach it, as well as they could, to the people.

Year after year they waited. Still no white man came with the gospel. Three years, five years, eight years—and then a terrible thing happened. Their beloved, unread Bibles were all confiscated by the French government because they were printed in English!

It was a terrible blow! The Bibles had become a symbol to the people that some day one would come who could read them—but now they were gone! However, the churches remained and the bells called them to worship. The people continued to wait and pray, and it was through the loss of their most prized possession that God sent the answer to their prayers.

With the confiscation of the Bibles, the English church at Great Bassam was closed. That was what brought Platt to the country two years later, where he heard from their own lips the story of their long, long prayer meeting.

Soon the Christian world was ringing with the story. Hearts were stirred. Not one, but many white men and women went to tell the Word of God to the people who had faithfully cried to the Lord in a prayer meeting ten years long!



David Nyien leads service on church lot.



One of the trustees loosens earth for pastor.

GROUND-BREAKING CEREMONY IN MALAYA

David W. Nyien

Ground-breaking services for the new church building of the Assembly of God in Kuala Lumpur, Malaya, took place on March 20.

The services were well attended by people from many parts of the city. Several missionaries from the China Inland Mission were present. Brother Moore, the superintendent of the C.I.M. work in Kuala Lumpur, was the guest speaker.

Everyone present felt the attendant blessing of God and His sweet, refreshing anointing. The Christians thanked Him for His faithfulness in making it possible for them to start on the building project. God has supplied the finances to complete this new soul-saving station in Malaya. It is expected that the new

building will be finished toward the end of July when it will be dedicated. The proposed structure will seat over 200.

During the ground-breaking service a large crowd of outsiders watched the proceedings with keen interest. Many paid close attention to the entire program, hearing the gospel for the first time in their lives.

Since the new church will be located in one of the busy streets in the downtown section of Kuala Lumpur, there will be greater opportunity to do evangelistic work. The Assembly members are putting their confidence in God and request the prayers of the EVANGEL readers for God's blessing upon this new venture.

MISSIONARY News Notes



Wesley R. Hurst writes from Tanganyika, East Africa:

"We now have 1166 enrolled in our 35 Sunday Schools. Last Sunday we baptized 140 in one of the remote areas sixty-five miles from here. . . . It took us five hours to get there with Ragnar Udd's truck. What a road! We have had very heavy rains this year and the roads are deep with mud.

"Since December 25 we have baptized 207 new converts. God is blessing wonderfully. I am leaving this afternoon for a week-end visit to a new work fifty miles away to baptize the first converts from a new tribe. This tribe, the Wanyiha, are 50,000 strong. I will travel in

the old "Model A"; it really can go through the mud.

"Pray for these special missions to the villages."

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Glenn Horst writes from the Philippines:

"We just returned from the Baguio meetings where Brother Ralph Byrd was preaching. They were wonderful! God worked in a very mighty way. Many people were healed.

"The power of the Lord came upon the entire audience during the Sunday morning service. For quite some time men and women were being healed without the laying on of any hands but God's. Every disease known to man was healed: blindness, deafness, dumbness, paralysis, etc.

"One woman with an exceptionally large goiter was healed. Her neck became as normal as though she had never had

a goiter. The dear woman had come to the platform the night before. All of us remembered her because she had such a large goiter. God performed a wonderful operation for her; He even smoothed out loose skin that should have resulted when the goiter disappeared."

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J. E. Morrison writes from Kowloon, Hong Kong:

"You will be interested to know that twenty young people received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit during eight days of special prayer at Ecclesia Bible Institute.

"For three days all classes were suspended in order to give time for protracted waiting upon God. Glorious revival scenes followed. Some of the students saw visions warning of end-time trouble. A new passion to save the lost has come to our students because of the revival.

"Miss Serene Loland, a Norwegian Pentecostal missionary, has been a real help and encouragement to our students in prayer and devotions. During a meeting which she held in a Hong Kong residence recently, a Lutheran Chinese pastor received the Holy Spirit Baptism. Mr. Kam, a professor at the Hong Kong University, was mightily filled in another cottage prayer meeting.

"Both the students and the faculty at Ecclesia Bible Institute have received added impetus to serve God as a result of this mighty visitation."

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Mr. and Mrs. D. W. McCulley of Liberia, French West Africa, announce the arrival of Thomas Charles on March 14. Congratulations!

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Miss Constance Eady is now working in the British West Indies assisting the Canadian missionaries there. Her present address is: % L. C. Ulseth, 41 Springdale Road, San Fernando, Trinidad, British West Indies.

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Mr. and Mrs. Wm. C. Stepp and family sailed from New York on March 31 on the SS Santa Paula for Venezuela, South America.



Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Stepp
Venezuela, S. America



Daily DEVOTIONS

BIBLE READINGS BASED ON NEXT WEEK'S SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

...they searched the Scriptures daily

MONDAY, May 9

SAUL CHOSEN KING—1 Samuel 10:17-26

Here is a classic example of God's ability to adapt Himself to the requests of the people. Even though it was not His perfect will for Israel, He gave them a King.

The crowning of Saul as King brought joy to the people. It was what they had asked for. But they had rejected God's plan and the order he had initiated for Israel, and in so doing they had brought upon themselves a long history of trial and sorrow. Man cannot improve upon God's will. They substituted human leadership for divine leadership; and this, as always, leads down the long road of disillusionment and sorrow.

There is nothing that can take the place of God's perfect will for your life. When you feel that it is time to change your course, be sure to find out His will for you. Follow the example of Jesus, who prayed in the garden, "Not my will, but thine, be done." Crown the Lord Jesus Christ as King and submit to His perfect will. Then and then only will you have joy unspeakable and an abiding peace.

—JAMES W. VAN METER

TUESDAY, May 10

A CHOICE YOUNG MAN—1 Samuel 9:1-10

"There is in this city a man of God... He can shew us our way that we should go" (v. 6).

This is a simple story of how the asses of Saul's father were lost. Saul and a servant went out to look for them, but to no avail. Finally they decided to go to the city where the man of God was ministering. They knew he could tell them where the animals were. Of course, this was all in God's providence; for Samuel was going to anoint Saul king of Israel, and it was because Saul could not find the animals that he went to the city and thus met Samuel.

Many today have lost their way in the maze of circumstances which surround their lives. They seek peace and happiness in vain until they meet the Giver of Peace. In order that they may be shown the way of life, God deliberately allows people to come to a place of hopelessness, for in this place they do not know which way to turn and they realize that they cannot help themselves.

As Christians it is our duty to point others to the way of life. But before we can show others the way, we ourselves must know Him who is the Way and the Giver of perfect peace. May it be said of each of us, "There is a man of God, who can tell us the way that we should go."

—VICTOR D. TRIMMER

WEDNESDAY, May 11

SAMUEL MEETS SAUL—1 Samuel 9:11-27

The supernatural plans of God are often brought about so naturally that men are not aware of God's intervention.

What appears to be nothing more than a coincidence may actually be a divine providence.

When God determined that Saul should become king, an entire chain of circumstances was set in motion to accomplish His purpose. Saul did not have to inform Samuel that it was God's will for him to be king. Instead, God spoke to Samuel concerning Saul and then brought them together. God's plan was being accomplished in such a natural way that many were unaware of the implications of ordinary events.

If the selection of a king had been left to human wisdom, Samuel probably would have sought for a man among the larger tribes. But God's will for Israel at this time was a man from the smallest tribe. As Samuel waited before the Lord he was assured through the unfolding of divine providence that Saul was the right man. Saul, in his youthful simplicity, was surprised and humbled because of the words of Samuel. Is it not often so with us as God moves in His own good way to bring His will to pass?

—HARDY W. STEINBERG

THURSDAY, May 12

THE ANOINTING OF SAUL—1 Samuel 10:1-13

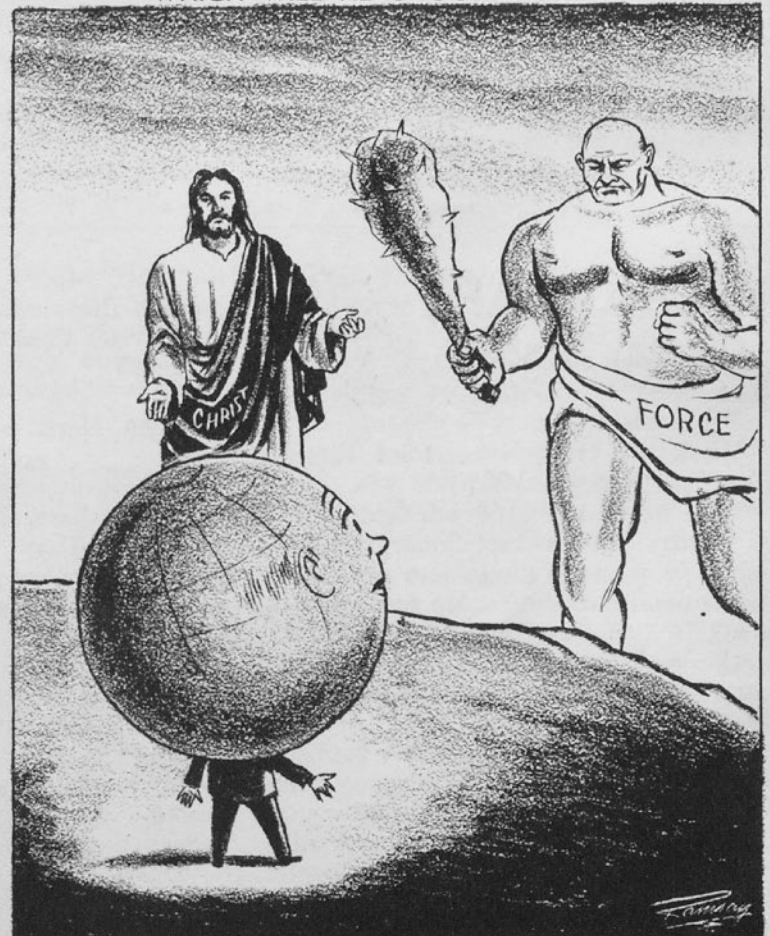
"And it was so, that... God gave him another heart" (v. 9).

The anointing transformed Saul the farmer into a powerful leader and "captain over God's inheritance" (v. 1). God was pleased to use the young man supernaturally.

Saul had plenty of natural resources for the job of leader. He was an attractive personality. He was tall and handsome. His physical appearance would give him a good standing with the people, but God saw that it was not enough for a king. Saul needed the anointing. God knew that only as the king remained humble and submissive, as signified by the anointing, would he be successful as leader of the people.

When considering the anointing of God today, let us remember that God does not treat His children like puppets.

WHICH WILL HE CHOOSE TODAY?



He does not merely manipulate us in some channel of service by some invisible strings. He gives us freedom of choice. If we humbly seek the Lord and yield to Him, He anoints us with His Spirit. If we stop seeking God, the anointing stops. The anointing adds strength, zeal, boldness, resolution, inspiration, devotion, hope, fluency, courage, and many other qualities for effective Christian service. Surely we need it constantly!

—LESLIE W. SMITH

FRIDAY, May 13

SAUL'S FIRST VICTORY—1 Samuel 11:1-15

"And the Spirit of God came upon Saul" (v. 6). "And Saul said, . . . To day the Lord hath wrought salvation in Israel" (v. 13).

It is good at times to look back and recall what God has done for us and through us. The apostle Paul wrote in Philippians 3:16, "Whereto we have already attained, let us walk by the same rule, let us mind the same thing."

Of this occasion in Saul's life one might say that he was filled with God's Spirit, and that his own spirit was broken. Having received God's Spirit at the time of his call, and remembering what Samuel said—"The Spirit of the Lord will come upon thee. . . . And let it be . . . that thou do as occasion serve thee; for God is with thee"—Saul launched out and God gave him a great victory over the Ammonites. Then when the people attempted to exalt Saul and emphasize his greatness, he drew back and humbly gave God the glory.

If we desire a continuance of the Divine blessing we would do well to ponder this incident. God is ever willing to move by His Spirit. Let us also be careful to ascribe all the glory to Him.

—ALLAN A. SWIFT

SATURDAY, May 14

GOD'S KING—Psalm 2

"Yet have I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion" (v. 6).

In Acts 4:25-31 the opening verses of this Psalm are applied to the enemies of Jesus at His first coming; and they describe what the nations as a whole have been doing ever since. God's bands and cords are His love (Hos. 11:4); but man, the rebel, refuses to submit to that easy yoke.

Derision is the solemn description of God's attitude toward them during this dispensation, although He still waits for the rebels to repent. But a day is coming when He will speak in *displeasure*. After Jesus has caught away His waiting bride, His judgment will fall.

Then will come the *decree*, establishing the rule of God's King from Jerusalem over all the earth. The Son an-

nounces the decree of the Father in vv. 7-9; and in the last three verses we seem to hear the Holy Spirit pleading with men to turn to Him in repentance before it is too late and the door of mercy is closed. This loving call is to be sounded out to the uttermost part of the earth, urging sinners to be reconciled to the Saviour, to trust Him, to be wise, to be instructed, and to rejoice while they serve Him who has saved them.

—ALICE E. LUCE

Sunday School lesson for May 15, 1955— "Saul Chosen King" (1 Samuel 10:17-26).

Story of the Pawned Book

(Continued from page five)

underscored. His sainted mother had marked them in the hope that he would give them special attention. Now, after wasted years, he meditated upon them.

Several hours passed. Before he opened the door of his office to return to his duties, Dr. Mackay had knelt and prayed to his mother's God for mercy. And he who had been known for his hardness of heart and his wicked ways was transformed into a humble, thankful believer. Old things passed away and he became a new creation in Christ Jesus.

W. P. Mackay, the physician, later became a minister of God's Word. He preached the gospel and turned many to righteousness. The prayers that his mother had offered so earnestly and so persistently while she lived were answered in a glorious way after she died. Her God was faithful.

PRAYED INTO THE KINGDOM

John Scudder, a promising young physician in New York, picked up a tract while visiting a patient one day. He read the tract; and as a result, he and his wife went to India as missionaries. Their nine children all became missionaries in that land too.

When the Scudders had given almost six hundred years of continuous missionary service for India, someone asked Dr. Scudder the cause or motive of his family's consecration. He replied:

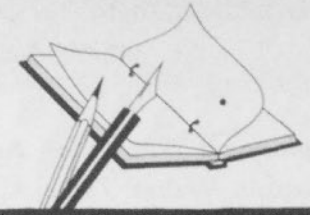
"The only explanation I can give is that the children were literally prayed into the kingdom by their mother. She was accustomed to spend the birthday of each child in all-day prayer for him. And God answered her prayers."

Could there be a better way of celebrating a child's birthday?

—Gospel Herald.

This is the prayer of a consecrated mother: "When I come to the end of the way, Lord, help me to look back and see my children following in my footsteps!"

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PASSING and PERMANENT

NEWS BRIEFS FROM THE CHRISTIAN PERSPECTIVE

Chaplain on "Voice of America"

Chaplain Walter Tashnick, an Assemblies of God minister now serving in the U. S. Air Force, was recently called from his duty station in Germany to come to Munich and make a religious broadcast in the Russian language to be beamed behind the Iron Curtain by means of the million-watt "Voice of America" radio station in Munich.

Brother Tashnick reports that he received a good mail response from this broadcast. All the letters were from outside the Iron Curtain, of course. People on the other side would not dare to write.

Nation's "Conscience Fund"

Ever since 1811, when President Monroe received a five-dollar bill from a person who declined to give his name, the nation has had a "conscience fund." Most of the contributions are small, but one donor sent \$30,000 to repay for his thefts. The peak year was 1950 when the "Conscience Fund" received \$370,285. Last year it received \$135,000. The Fund is always included in the President's annual budget estimates. This year President Eisenhower budgeted \$75,000 for this Fund. Many of the contributions are from ex-servicemen who send in small sums to pay for articles they pilfered while in service.

Japs to Learn War Is Over

Japan is going to send an expedition flying over the jungles of New Guinea to inform several thousand Japanese soldiers that World War II has ended.

Of the 12,000 Jap troops who fought in the area between Hollandia and Aitape, only 2,000 have returned. Many were killed but many more are believed to be still alive and hiding in the jungles. Four Japanese who turned up in a settlement only recently did not know that the war was over.

The Japanese expedition will drop leaflets into the unexplored jungles in an effort to convince these men that they have been hiding needlessly for ten years.

This is a graphic illustration of the fact that many enemies of God still think that He is at war with them. They do not yet know that Christ has "made peace by the Blood of His Cross," and that all who "were sometimes alienated and enemies" may now be reconciled to God by faith in His Son (Col. 1:20, 21).

Governor Calls for Chapels at Connecticut Institutions

Gov. Abraham A. Ribicoff says he will ask the Connecticut legislature for funds to remedy "the absence of adequate facilities for religious worship" at state hospitals and other state institutions. He thinks there should be a separate chapel building at each of the larger state institutions, and a special room set aside for use exclusively as a chapel at the smaller institutions.

"I believe that it is the proper function of the state to build interdenominational chapels on the grounds of state institutions," said the governor. He suggested that worship centers at state hospitals would be of great benefit to the patients, especially at mental hospitals.

Learning to Read the Bible

According to Dr. Frank C. Laubach, three-fifths of the people of the world are still illiterate; they cannot read or write. By means of his "Each One Teach One" methods the people of many lands are rapidly becoming literate.

Not only are missionaries reducing heathen languages to writing, and teaching the people to read, but they are translating the Scriptures into these languages and dialects; and the Bible Societies of the world are working diligently to get these translations of the Bible into print.

The American Bible Society reports that, as of Dec. 31, 1954, there were 1,084 languages in which some part of the Bible had been published. In 206 languages the whole Bible is available. In 260 languages, only a Testament. The other 618 languages have only a small part of the Bible, such as a Gospel or the Book of Psalms.

The Scriptures were published in 23 new languages in 1954.

Pity the Children

J. Edgar Hoover recently issued the following statement:

"After reviewing the thousands of case histories which have poured into the FBI, I am firmly convinced that there are two factors in our outlook which if not checked will plunge us headlong into national decadence.

"The first is the failure of the home itself as the first classroom and second, our national indifference toward evil influences in our life which are beyond the immediate control of parents.

"Criminals are not born. They are

the products of neglect, the victims of indifference, the results of an age which has tossed morality in the junk yard. Moral chaos and crime run hand in hand as they eagerly attempt to destroy peace, order and happiness.

"Unhappily, there are many homes where parents are untrained in their obligations to their offspring; . . . where unguarded talk is as regular as three meals a day; . . . where disrespect for authority and criticism of officials are common occurrences; . . . where childish independence is encouraged and refractory conduct is condoned; . . . where breaches of discipline and antisocial whims are overlooked; . . . and where God and religion are considered too old-fashioned in an age dedicated to materialism.

"The children of such homes need help. The Sunday Schools can do much and are doing much to bring God and religion into the starved souls of these youngsters."

Liquorless Magazines

It is reported that eleven leading magazines in our country, including *Ladies' Home Journal*, refuse to advertise alcoholic beverages, wine, or beer. Some refuse to advertise patent medicine and tobacco. The annual value of the advertising they refuse is estimated at \$200,000,000.

And now the *Reader's Digest* has joined this worthy company. In spite of the fact that the *Digest* had announced that it would not advertise liquor, tobacco, or patent medicine, it was immediately swamped with far more advertising than it could accept. Parents are grateful for liquorless magazines.

Mania for Double Earnings

Dr. Henry Schultze, former president of Calvin College, wrote a thoughtful article in *The Banner* on the above subject. He said:

"There are women who go out of the home to work for the support of those economically dependent upon them. Various situations may call for such a program. And we must take off our hats to those who engage in a kind of work that enables them to maintain their homes. . . . But I am interested here primarily in the program of women who leave their homes in an effort to secure double earnings for the family. This, of course, is far more disastrous for the home. . . . We want to have the latest and best in cars, television sets, and so on. We must keep up with the Joneses that we and our children may not develop an inferiority complex. But we are paying altogether too much for our costly homes, cars, and television sets, if they cost us the price of real home life. And that, it is feared, is precisely the cost of this craze for double earnings."

Deaf Camps to Be Held This Summer



Last January a special committee of Deaf workers met and decided to have four Assemblies of God summer camps for the Deaf during 1955. The camps and their directors are scheduled as follows:

SANTA FE LAKE CAMP

Augusta, Kansas

July 11-15, 1955

Arla Beach, Director, 1428 Hardy, Independence, Missouri.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN CAMP

5700 South Broadway

Littleton, Colorado

July 18-22, 1955

Fred Hurt, Director, 1540 Eppinger Boulevard, Denver 16, Colorado.

LAKE PLACID CAMP

Hartford City, Indiana

July 25-29, 1955

S. Wayne Shaneyfelt, Director, Box 1231, Indianapolis 5, Indiana.

FA-HO-LO PARK CAMP

Grass Lake, Michigan

August 7-12, 1955

Maxine Stobridge, Director, 3017 Highland Avenue, Muskegon Heights, Michigan

Summer camps for the Deaf are different from other summer camps. One reason is that the sign language is the method of communication, instead of oral speech. Another is that individuals are trained to study their Bibles during camp.

Theme of the 1955 camps is: "Jesus said, 'Learn of Me.'"

For the Deaf young people who attend school or college, summer is a time when they are isolated from a great many of their friends. Usually the Deaf are away from home while attending school. In the summers when they return to their families they are separated from many close friends. For them the summer Deaf camp is a place to meet old friends

as well as to make new acquaintances.

Since there are so few activities planned for the Deaf, many denominations are represented at the camps, and there is a wonderful opportunity for evangelism. Many folk are saved, healed, and receive the Baptism of the Holy Spirit at the camps.

Camp activities are planned for all age groups so that whole families can attend. In some of the camps special rates are given when more than one member of a family attends.

If you have Deaf friends, tell them about the camps. For more specific information about camp rates, write to the National Home Missions Department and you will receive a free brochure.

A host of Christians are praying that the camps will accomplish much for God, and that all the financial needs will be met. Perhaps the Holy Spirit is impressing you to give toward these camps for your silent friends. Obey that still small voice and God will bless you for your sacrifice.

Send all gifts designated for "Deaf Camps" to the National Home Missions Department, 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield 1, Missouri.

"Tell Mother I'll Be There"

When President McKinley heard his mother was dying, he wired home, saying, "Tell Mother I'll be there." The message was headlined by the American newspapers, and Ira D. Sankey was moved to sit down at his organ and compose a hymn that has moved the hearts of millions:

"Tell Mother I'll be there,
In answer to her prayer;
O Saviour, tell my mother
I'll be there."

DIRECTORS OF 1955 CAMPS FOR DEAF



Left to right: Maxine Stobridge, Michigan Deaf Camp; Fred Hurt, Rocky Mountain Camp; Arla Beach, Kansas Camp; and S. Wayne Shaneyfelt, Indiana Camp. (Brother Shaneyfelt is a real pioneer in the Deaf camp work. Last year he directed the only two Deaf camps which the Assemblies of God sponsored—one in Kansas and the other in Indiana.)

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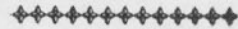
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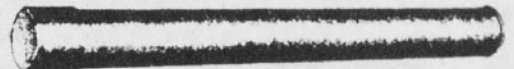
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Dorothy C. Haskin

Carefully CHRISTINA unpinned her corsage and placed it on the lower shelf of the refrigerator. She hoped it would last several days. She smiled ruefully, realizing that Mother's Day was the only time during the year when she was given a corsage by the family. So this was a special treat. Indeed it was, and she caught her breath at the thought that she had been given a medal of honor!

Slowly she closed the door; and leaning against the sink, she wondered, "Do I deserve it?" Her thoughts turned to her favorite Bible passage, "Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies. The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her" (Prov. 31:10, 11). And her musings might well be the musings of any mother.

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The most important realization that can come to any woman is that Mother's Day is founded on her relationship to her husband. That relationship is the founda-

tion upon which the home is built. However, it is not always easy for the two to become one in spirit.

As the years went by in her marriage, BARBARA grew ashamed of her husband's habit of wearing his clothes until they were obviously dirty. A couple of times she remonstrated with him, but when he didn't respond immediately, she bottled her resentment within her. When she was full, she began making snide remarks to him. She forgot that one mark of a virtuous woman is that "in her tongue is the law of kindness" (Prov. 31:26). No doubt it would have taken many a tactful discussion to persuade him to be cleaner in his appearance, but she didn't even try persuasion. Instead, she nagged. Her children grew up to feel sorry for him and to have little respect for her. Her Mother's Day corsage was a form, bringing little warmth to her heart.

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ALICE didn't nag, even though her husband was stingy. Her attitude was, "There's no need to ask him for anything. He wouldn't give it to me, even if I did." She said nothing to him, but she made plenty of remarks to her friends about how penurious he was. She forgot that it was part of her job as wife to help build up the respect of others for her husband, so that he might be "known in the gates, when he sitteth among the elders of the land" (Prov. 31:23).

Her children acquired their mother's contemptuous attitude toward their father. Her Mother's Day badge of honor was worn as falsely as a medal of honor worn by a soldier who had not been loyal to his country.

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EDNA'S husband died when her three children were still small. So if he had faults, she wasn't tempted to complain to others about them. Instead, she was always telling her children about the fine things he had done and what a splendid man he had been. One of her friends, who had known Harry, remarked, "Edna, you have nothing but praise for him. You know that he was far from being a paragon of virtue."

"My dear," Edna replied earnestly, "I have to bring up the children without him, but there's no need to tell them of his faults. They will be better children if they respect their father."

When Edna received her Mother's Day corsage, she knew that she had earned it. Not only had she been a mother to her children, but she had also given them a father. Her conception of motherhood was not easy to fulfill—but medals are given, not for an easy life, but for faithfulness in a hard one. Have you earned your Mother's Day medal of honor?

Jochebed's Wages

(Continued from page three)

The Egyptian coins have long since been spent and forgotten, but Jochebed's true wages are not yet spent. She shall go on reaping the richness of her reward through all eternity. The results of her faithfulness cannot be measured. The record of her faith and devotion has encouraged untold millions of parents. What abundant incorruptible wages!

How about you, dear mother? Can you count upon such eternal wages, or is the yearning for the transient earthly coins so strong that you are shirking the great task God has entrusted to you? How carefully are you sowing God's truth in the hearts and minds of your own flesh and blood—what will the harvest be? These are vital questions. Perhaps God would speak to you in the very words of that Oriental princess, only with a deeper and holier meaning—"Take this child away and nurse it for Me, and I will give thee thy wages."

*"They pass so soon, the days of youth;
The children change so fast:
Quickly they harden in the mould
And the plastic years are past.
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WORLD MISSIONS CONVENTIONS TO BE HELD IN 1956

"Take Christ to the World" is the theme of the eight regional World Missions Conventions which are planned for the early part of 1956. The purpose of the conventions is to explain to the Assemblies of God people our worldwide missionary program. The conventions are being jointly sponsored by the three missionary departments: Home, Foreign, and Women's Missionary Council.

The three-night two-day conventions are scheduled as follows:

SOUTHWEST REGIONAL World Missions Convention; covering Southern California, Northern California-Nevada, and Arizona districts; January 24-26, 1956; Fresno Memorial Auditorium, Fresno, California.

NORTHWEST REGIONAL World Missions Convention; covering Oregon, Montana, Northwest and Southern Idaho districts; January 31-February 2, 1956; Public Auditorium, Portland, Oregon.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGIONAL World Missions Convention; covering Rocky Mountain, New Mexico, Wyoming, Nebraska, and Kansas districts; February 7-9, 1956; Central Assembly of God, Denver, Colorado.

NORTH CENTRAL REGIONAL World Missions Convention; covering Minnesota, West Central, Wisconsin-Northern Michigan, North and South Dakota districts; February 21-23, 1956; Theatre Section of Municipal Auditorium, St. Paul, Minnesota.

CENTRAL REGIONAL World Missions Convention; covering Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, Kentucky and Appalachian districts; February 28-March 1, 1956; Metropolitan Methodist Church, Detroit, Michigan.

NORTHEAST REGIONAL World Missions Convention; covering New York, Eastern Potomac, New Jersey, and New England districts; March 6-8, 1956; Convention Hall, Asbury Park, New Jersey.

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL World Missions Convention; covering Mississippi, Tennessee, Alabama, Georgia, West and South Florida, North and South Carolina districts; March 13-15, 1956; Wesley Memorial Methodist Church, Atlanta, Georgia.

2,000 CUBANS RESPOND TO CALL FOR SALVATION

CUBA—We are grateful for the thirteen weeks of evangelistic ministry of Robert and Lillian Watters. Around 2,000 responded to the call for salvation. The evangelists ministered in established works at Holguin (Einar Peterson is pastor), Santiago de Cuba (Luis Ortiz is pastor), Camaguey (Ezequiel Alvarez is pastor), Ciego de Avila (Waldo Nicodemus is pastor), and Santa Clara (Lawrence Perrault is pastor). They also conducted meetings in many outlying sections.

Some localities, which had not responded to the gospel message before, were mightily stirred and the converts joyfully spread the news of their new-found Saviour. Everywhere Brother and Sister Watters preached the attendance was unusually large.

One of our missionaries, Brother Ellis Stone, had a broken hand which had been fractured in five places. For two weeks he had suffered intense pain and swelling. He believed God would undertake and he refused to see a doctor. He went to the Camaguey meeting, and as the evangelists prayed with him he was healed. This was proved the following day by X-ray pictures which showed the perfectly knit fractures.

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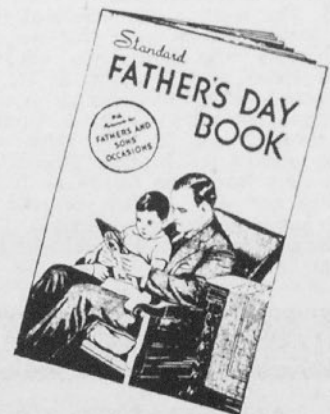
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was healed of a paralyzed right hand. A child, who had a large carbuncle, was instantly healed during prayer. The carbuncle burst open and the child was taken outdoors as the infection began to drain immediately. We praise the Lord for His glorious power.—Pedro Torres, Superintendent of the Cuban Assemblies of God.

AMONG THE ASSEMBLIES

RATON, N. MEX.—We had a Workers' Training Course conducted by our pastor, Dave E. Laughlin. The attendance was very good, and 25 received certificates. We studied the book, "And He Gave Teachers."—Mrs. Dave N. Knox, Secretary.

HAYMARKET, VA.—We had a four-week meeting with Evangelist Irvin Stiedings of Piedmont, W. Va. There were several definite conversions and healings. Fifteen were filled with the Holy Spirit.—Clifton Wood, Pastor, Hickory Grove Assembly of God.

EMPORIA, KANS.—We enjoyed a 2½-week meeting with Evangelist and Mrs. Moses Copeland. God moved in a wonderful way. Eight were saved, five received the baptism of the Holy Spirit, many were refilled, and several were healed. We appreciate the wonderful ministry of the Copelands.—William J. Lambertson, Pastor, First Assembly of God.

FORT WAYNE, IND.—Evangelist B. R. Minton, of Tallahassee, Fla. was with us for two weeks in our new church. Brother Minton has a 30-foot dispensational chart. His preaching was inspirational and instructive. The faith of our people has been strengthened, and we have profited by his ministry.—Paul E. Paino, Pastor, Assembly of God.

GARDEN GROVE, CALIF.—We had a successful meeting with Evangelist Tom Myers of Lancaster, Calif. Brothers Myers came for a five-night meeting. At the end of the week the blessing of the Lord was so wonderful that we continued on for four weeks. Many were saved and the church received great blessing.—R. G. Markey, Pastor, First Assembly of God.

BOZEMAN, MONT.—We had a profitable meeting with Evangelist and Mrs. E. E. Kirschman of Scottsbluff, Nebr. Several were saved, others testified to healing, and many were refilled with the Spirit. Despite bad weather conditions the meeting was well attended each night. The church was revived through the anointed ministry of Brother Kirschman.—W. A. Redmond, Pastor.

LAMAR, MO.—We had a soul-stirring revival with Evangelist Ralph Price. Capacity crowds came every night. This was unusual as we had not previously announced the meeting. Over 20 were saved, and 30 received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. A number of outstanding healings took place. This revival benefited some other churches as well as our own.—James S. Eastman, Pastor.

SORENTO, ILL.—We had a Holy Ghost revival with Evangelist John C. Potteet of Anaheim, Calif. The meeting was scheduled for 13 nights, but interest was so great that we continued for four weeks. The church was filled every night. Extra chairs were brought in to accommodate the crowds. Conviction was so great that sinners ran down the aisles, asking the Christians to pray for them. About 60 were saved, and most of them received the Baptism. Backsliders, who had been away from God for 15 or 20 years, prayed through and were refilled with the Spirit. Many were healed of various afflictions. The last night of the meeting, 51 united with the church.—Odis Cooper, Pastor.

McGREGOR, TEX.—We had a meeting with Evangelist W. M. (Buck) Blackmore and Co-worker Ernest Maxwell, both of Corpus Christi, Tex. Several were saved and the church was revived. Every night we had capacity crowds. All previous Sunday School records were broken. We are now in process of enlarging our auditorium and building Sunday School rooms.—R. L. Whitworth, Pastor.

ABILENE, TEX.—We had a successful meeting with Evangelist G. R. Cozby of Stamford, Tex. Seven were saved and two received the baptism of the Holy Ghost. This is a new work, and our people were blessed and strengthened by this meeting.—Ray McMillan, Pastor, Park Avenue Assembly of God.

WAXAHACHIE, TEX.—We had a 10-night meeting with a former pastor, H. E. Darnell, of Kilgore, Tex. Night after night we felt the presence and blessing of God. Brother Darnell preached the Word in power and in demonstration of the Holy Ghost. Around eight were filled or refilled with the Spirit. Several were healed in answer to prayer. The revival spirit continues in our midst.—B. F. Hickman, Pastor, First Assembly of God.

CISCO, TEX.—Evangelist Ken George of Hobbs, N. Mex. was with us in a four-week meeting. Around 15 or 20 were saved and many received bodily healing, including diabetes, nervous and mental conditions. Brother George's anointed preaching, vocal and trombone solos were instrumental in bringing many to Christ. During the last part of the meeting we moved from the church to the city auditorium.—T. J. Howard, Pastor.

TRONA, CALIF.—We recently closed a fruitful meeting with Evangelist Mark Orton and family. Ten were saved, and the entire church was drawn closer to the Lord. Many were healed of various afflictions, including stomach ulcers, heart trouble, arthritis, deafness, back ailments, and chronic bronchitis.

Our church is growing as a result of this meeting, and we are looking forward to the return of the Ortons sometime this fall.—Christy Dunken, Pastor, Assembly of God.

ARNPRIOR, ONT., CANADA—Mar. 24—We are in the third week of a meeting with Evangelist and Mrs. Cecil Cobb of Mission City, B. C. In spite of some of the worst snow storms of the winter, large crowds are attending. Almost every night souls have been saved or filled with the Holy Spirit. Several backsliders have been restored. Old-time Pentecostal power is falling, and the meetings continue as late as 1 a.m. We give God all the glory.—G. F. Atter, Pastor, Glad Tidings Pentecostal Church.

KILGORE, TEX.—Evangelist H. C. Noah of Dallas, Tex. was with us for a ten-day meeting. Ten prayed through to salvation and several received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. The messages by Brother Noah and the organ music by Sister Noah were a great blessing to our church. Many visitors and new people attended the meeting. We have begun a fifteen-minute telecast at 5 p.m. on Sundays, station KLTU, Channel 7, directly following the Oral Roberts program.—H. E. Darnell, Pastor, Highland Park Assembly.

MIAMI, FLA.—On March 13 we closed a wonderful three-week meeting with Evangelist Earla McKinley of Denver, Colo. About 40 were saved and 15 received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Hundreds of new people visited our church for the first time. We had the closing rally in the beautiful new Dade County Auditorium with other churches co-operating. The crowd was estimated to be between 750 and 1,000. About 60 responded to the call for consecration or salvation.—Orville Smith, Pastor, Full Gospel Tabernacle.

LIVE OAK, CALIF., Mar 25—Our church was blessed by the anointed ministry of Evangelist Dan E. Flaming during the two-week meeting in January. The Sunday School attendance increased to 242 during the meeting, and we have held an average of 200 since the first of the year.—J. A. Rogers, Pastor.

PHENIX CITY, ALA.—Evangelist and Mrs. Carl E. Perry were with us for a meeting. Ten were saved, one was filled with the Holy Spirit, and some were healed. The attendance was very good.—Emory Andrews, Pastor, Girard Assembly of God.

CHEWELAH, WASH.—Evangelist Norman Erickson of Spokane, Wash. was with us for a meeting. Six were converted, six others renewed their experience with God, and 13 were baptized with the Holy Spirit. Almost every "chronic seeker" in the church has now received the Baptism.

A lady was instantly healed of deafness in one ear. When she was a child, her father spent over \$2,000 on her ear. A man, who had suffered a broken back which left him with no feeling in one leg, was made every whit whole after the evangelist prayed for him. Others were healed of impetigo, paralysis, curvature of the spine, neck injury, rupture, back injury, heart trouble, skin allergy, and weak eyes.—W. L. Papan, Pastor.

ST. LOUIS, MO.—Mar. 29—The Lord is blessing the Friendly Assembly of God with souls being saved in the regular services as well as in revivals. Recently Evangelist R. L. Buckley was with us for four weeks. The church was greatly blessed by the anointed ministry and Bible teaching from Brother Buckley's large chart. Many were saved. Last Sunday night there were three saved, eight baptized in water, and 16 added to the church membership.—L. C. Ramsey, Pastor.

MALVERN, ARK.—People came from many surrounding cities and churches to attend the meeting conducted by Evangelist W. V. Grant. The church was packed each night. Many were saved and filled with the Spirit. People testified to being healed of cancer, blindness, deafness, crooked spine, and misplaced vertebrae.

This is Brother Grant's home town, where he was in business for twelve years. He has been back to Malvern for four meetings since he sold out his business. Hundreds of people have been saved and filled with the Holy Spirit in his meetings here. He has an unsolicited letter from the mayor giving him the keys to the city anytime he wants to return for a meeting.—C. J. Hartwick, Pastor, North Malvern Assembly of God.

GENERAL COUNCIL

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA.—Biennial General Council of the Assemblies of God will be held Sept. 1—6, in the Municipal Auditorium, Oklahoma City, Okla., beginning with Thursday night rally.

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.

BRAZIL, IND.—May 10—22; Evangelist and Mrs. Stephen Bogdan.—by Paul D. Sundell, Pastor.

SHELTON, CONN.—Shelton Full Gospel Church, May 20—29; Evangelist and Mrs. Robert Wallace.—by Raymond A. Schiek, Pastor.

CANEY, KANS.—Assembly of God, May 15—29; Evangelist Erling Saxelid, Ceres, Calif. (W. C. Crowder is Pastor.)

ENTERPRISE, OREG.—Assembly of God, May 3—15; The Evangelaires, Lodi, Calif.—by Frank K. Mapes, Pastor.

SPARTANBURG, S. C.—First Assembly of God, Wofford and Wolfe Sts., begins May 10; Evangelist Stanley P. MacPherson. (K. L. Claycomb is Pastor.)

ELIZABETH, N. J.—First Assembly of God, May 24—June 12; Evangelists Lee and Bonnie Jean Krupnick.—by Elmer W. Lindale, Pastor.

AUBURN, WASH.—Full Gospel Assembly of God, 4th and "E" N. E., begins May 1; Evangelists Gladys Norwood and Marie Carlquist.—by R. Dean Young, Pastor.

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SERMON SUBJECT FOR MAY 8

SUNDAY 10:30 P.M. ABC NETWORK



OVERLAND, MO.—Faith Assembly of God, begins May 10; Evangelist John C. Poteet, Anaheim, Calif. (Glenn Gilder is Pastor.)

PENSACOLA, FLA.—Area-wide Training School, First Assembly of God, May 15—20. D. V. Hurst, Assistant National S. S. Secretary, instructor.

COALINGA, CALIF.—Assembly of God, 134 Birch St., Workers Training Course, May 16—22; Evangelist Harry Leacock, Covina, Calif.—by A. H. Drake, Pastor.

PRICHARD, ALA.—Assembly of God, 68 Third St., begins May 1; Evangelists Frank and Gladys Lummer, Oceanside, Calif. (J. D. Stevens is Pastor.)

MOBILE, ALA.—First Assembly of God, begins May 1; Evangelists Joe and Betty Calabrese, Kansas City, Mo. (E. L. Black is Pastor.)

THE DALLES, OREG.—Assembly of God Revival Center, May 3—15; Evangelist Ruth Specter, Los Angeles, Calif. (Cecil B. Slaughter is Pastor.)

SIDNEY, MONT.—Assembly of God, begins May 17; Evangelist and Mrs. Donald R. Patz, Grand Forks, N. Dak. (L. I. LaMance is Pastor.)

ALMA, NEBR.—Assembly of God, May 3—15; Evangelist Wesley Goodwin.—by R. D. Pick, Pastor.

GLOBE, ARIZ.—May 17—29; Evangelist Fred Numrick, Springfield, Ill.—by B. H. Russell, Pastor.

MIAMI, FLA.—Christian Assembly, 3190 S. Dixie Highway, begins May 11; Evangelist and Mrs. Robey Herrick, Quincy, Ill.—by Ivan R. Loy, Pastor.

THORN, CALIF.—Redwood Chapel, May 17—29; Evangelists Virgil and Edythe Warens, Fullerton, Calif.—by H. R. Parish, Pastor.

FREEMPORT, PA.—Gospel Tabernacle, began May 1; McColl-Gerard Trio of Canada.—by Charles M. Shaffer, Pastor.

GALENA PARK, TEX.—Assembly of God, began Apr. 27; Evangelists Leslie C. and Oleta Eldridge, Bakersfield, Calif. (H. V. Hayman is Pastor.)

SAVANNAH, GA.—Central Assembly of God, May 3—15; Evangelist and Mrs. Hollis E. Petersen of Texas.—by Glen D. Miller, Pastor.

EARLIMART, CALIF.—First Assembly of God, May 24—June 5; Evangelist and Mrs. Earl K. McMilin, Cotati, Calif.—by Roy Mann, Pastor.

TULSA, OKLA.—Capitol Hill Assembly of God, 705 N. Quaker, May 8—22; Evangelist Hildreth Ethridge.—by M. D. Hartz, Pastor.

BELTON, MO.—Assembly of God, begins May 15; Evangelist Albert Crain.—by George L. Swearingin, Pastor.

ROSWELL, N. MEX.—South Side Assembly of God, May 15—29; Evangelist Ken George, Hobbs, N. Mex. (Edward H. Scott is Pastor.)

MERRILL, WIS.—Assembly of God, begins May 31; Evangelist David Guenther, Rothschild, Wis.—by Michael Cincelli, Pastor.

PERU, IND.—Assemblies of God Church, May 17—29; Evangelist and Mrs. Don R. Tanner, Willmar, Minn.—by Calvin Stants, Pastor.

BREWTON, ALA.—Damascus Assembly of God, May 15—29; Evangelist Roy Wasdin, Tampa, Fla. (Rufus Palmer is Pastor.)

BOGALUSA, LA.—First Assembly of God, begins May 8; Evangelist Gene Thompson, Camden, Ark.—by R. D. Jones, Pastor.

WESTWOOD, CALIF.—Begins May 4; Evangelists Bessie L. Fisher and Nell Gaines Cheek, Memphis, Tenn.—by James R. Adkins, Pastor.

NORWICH, N. Y.—Assembly of God, 97 Silver St., May 8—29; Evangelist Levi L. Storms.—by Winston A. Schmock, Pastor.

COLUSA, CALIF.—Assembly of God, May 1—15; Evangelist Noble Ballew, Portland, Oreg.—by R. A. Wilson Jr., Pastor.

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MOOSIC, PA.—Full Gospel Tabernacle, Third and River Sts., May 3—15; Evangelist and Mrs. Charles Duncombe, London, England.—by Helen and Chester Jenkins, Pastors.

FORT WORTH, TEX.—North Riverside Assembly of God, May 1—14; Evangelist R. L. Davis, Corpus Christi, Tex.—by Glen D. Shinn, Associate Pastor. (J. C. Thompson is Pastor.)

HANFORD, CALIF.—Glad Tidings Assembly of God, Cor. Irwin and Myrtle, begins May 10; Evangelist Robert Fierro, San Jose, Calif.—by Gene Forrest, Pastor.

FARMERSVILLE, TEX.—Tent meeting, May 1—15; Evangelist Bill Taylor, Longview, Tex. Other churches co-operating.—by James H. Pruitt, Pastor.

DETROIT, MICH.—Revival Tabernacle, 17617 Plymouth Rd., begins May 17; Evangelist J. F. Pepper, San Pedro, Calif. Prayer for the sick.—by Orie L. Robinson, Pastor.

GREENSBURG, KANS.—Assembly of God, May 25—June 5; Evangelist and Mrs. Steplien Vandermerwe.—by Claude A. Malan, Pastor.

PISMO BEACH, CALIF.—Assembly of God, began May 1; Evangelist R. I. Johnson, Hartman, Ark.—by Ted A. Masters, Pastor.

TIGARD, OREG.—Assembly of God, May 15—29; Evangelist R. E. Henke. Prayer for the sick.—by Lloyd Fosner, Pastor.

FRESNO, CALIF.—Calvary Tabernacle, First and Nevada Sts., begins May 8; Evangelist E. L. Slavens, Kansas City, Mo.—by Claude Weaver, Pastor.

BEACON, N. Y.—Assembly of God, May 8—22; Evangelist William F. Garvin, Tulsa, Okla.—by James L. Tate, Pastor.

WEST CENTRAL DISTRICT COUNCIL—First Church of the Open Bible, 19th and Crocker Sts., Des Moines, Iowa, May 3—5; James Van Meter, Springfield, Mo., guest speaker. Credentials Committee meets Tuesday, May 3. Ordination service Thursday night.—by T. E. Gannon, District Superintendent.

SPRINGFIELD, ILL.—First Assembly of God, Cor. Carpenter and Klein Sts., May 8—22; Evangelists Smith and Rogers, Granite City, Ill.—by G. E. Mandel, Pastor.

NEW JERSEY DISTRICT COUNCIL—Grace Assembly of God, 205 Atlantic Ave., Atlantic City, N. J., May 17—19; A. A. Wilson, pastor at Kansas City, Mo., guest speaker. Panel discussions during the day. For reservations write Melvin Smith, 205 Atlantic Ave., Atlantic City, N. J.—by Richard J. Bergstrom, District Superintendent.

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