

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

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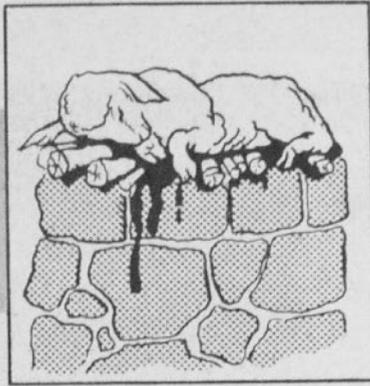
Not a Sound Invades the Stillness

*Not a sound invades the stillness,
Not a form invades the scene,
Save the voice of my Beloved,
And the person of my King.*

*Precious, gentle, holy Jesus!
Blessed Bridegroom of my heart,
In Thy secret inner chamber,
Thou wilt whisper what Thou art.*

*Wrapt in deep adoring silence,
Jesus, Lord, I dare not move,
Lest I lose the smallest saying
Meant to catch the ear of love.*

*Rest then, O my soul, contented:
Thou hast reached thy happy place
In the bosom of thy Saviour,
Gazing up in His dear face.*



Only the Blood of the Lamb can atone for man's sin

“Not Without BLOOD”

From the new book by Ruth Rachel Specter*

THE BLOOD OF THE HUMAN BODY, STUDIED by physicians for centuries, is the most mysterious substance known. It seems to be possessed of secret powers penetrating every crevice of the body completely and continuously. It rushes to an attack of an enemy—whether it be a mental, physical or spiritual enemy—with the watchfulness and faithfulness of a guard. Physicians of the different schools of therapeutics are at a loss to name this mysterious intelligence in the body. No man can locate it or name it. Some call it “nature,” some call it “innate intelligence.” But here are some vital questions: Who can describe it to the satisfaction of the inquirer? Who can explain its workings, or tell the “how” and the “why” of the blood?

The most perfect definition of this substance is given in God's own words—very simply so that all can understand. Listen: “The life of the flesh is in the blood, and I have given it to you upon the altar to make atonement for your souls; for it is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul.”

God called this fluid precious; so precious that it is used by Him as a redemptive price, an atoning medium, as cleansing from sin. God has ordained that apart from the blood there can be no approach to Him, no fellowship with Him by faith; no enjoyment of His favor. It is so important that God stresses this to all: Never in any time, never in any person, never in any place, can there be remission of sins apart from shedding of blood. This great fact is stamped on nature; it is an essential law of God's government; it is one of the fundamental principles which can neither be shaken nor denied. There is no exception to it—there never will be; it stands the same in every place throughout all ages. Indeed the very heathen seem to have an inkling of this fact. Yes, there lies deep in the human breast, deep as the very ex-

istence of man, this wonderful truth!

Many object and find fault with the blood theory and its atoning power; nevertheless, its importance cannot be over-emphasized. Too much cannot be made of it. It is mentioned in the Bible about seven hundred times from Genesis to Revelation. It is the very life and power of the gospel. But many are repulsed by it. They take a look at the altar of Abel and see there a gruesome sight, an unpleasant picture of a lamb slain, its blood splashed and dripping down to the ground. They turn from it in disgust and see with delight the picture presented by the altar of Cain, with its fruit arranged so beautifully and artistically. But what is approved by man in these two altars is a stink in the very nostrils of God, for the Holy One has spoken: “Without the shedding of blood there is no remission of sins!”

We cannot dismiss this all-important fact. From Genesis to Revelation we have this message. We can notice the “scarlet thread” running through the Old Testament in the blood of the lambs and goats which were slain as sacrifices.

When the waters subsided from the flood, the first recorded act of Noah, after he left the ark, was the offering of a burnt sacrifice to God. As with Abel, so with Noah at a new beginning, it was “not without blood.”

Then in the divine call of Abram and the formation of a people to serve God, there also was the shedding of blood. This is apparent in the most solemn hour of Abraham's life. Through the blood that flowed from the ram caught in the thicket, Isaac's life was spared. He and the people which sprang from him, live before God “not without blood.”

Four hundred years pass, and Isaac has become, in Egypt, the peo-

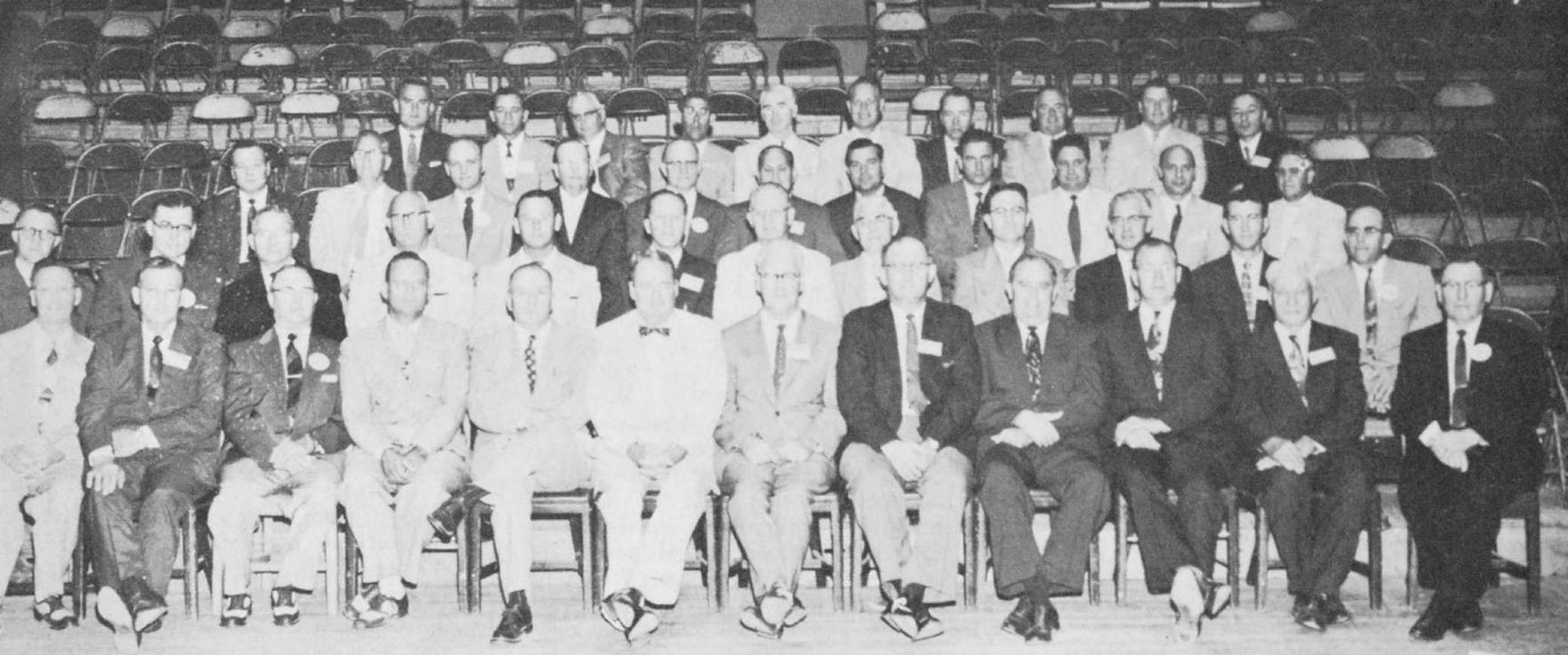
ple of Israel. The door frames of the Israelites are sprinkled with the blood of the paschal lamb. The Passover is instituted as an enduring ordinance with the words: “When I see the blood I will pass over you.” Through this the people were taught that life can be obtained only by the death of a substitute. Life was possible for them only through the blood of a sinless life given in their place, and appropriated by the sprinkling of that blood.

Fifty days later this lesson was enforced in a striking manner. Israel had reached Sinai. God had given His law as the foundation of His covenant. That covenant must now be established, but it is expressly stated in Hebrews, “not without blood.” The sacrificial blood was to be sprinkled, first on the altar, and then on the book of the Covenant, representing God's side of that Covenant, and then on the people, with the declaration: “This is the blood of the Covenant.” It was in that blood the Covenant had its foundation and power. It is by

APPRECIATION KNOWS NO SEASON



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the blood alone that God can be brought into covenant fellowship.

We hear much today about blood transfusions. Many lives have been saved by this little operation. In cases of hemorrhage and various diseases, the blood from healthy individuals is put into the veins of suffering victims and death is cheated of its prey.

We hear much, too, about blood banks. A blood bank is a storehouse for blood taken from healthy individuals for future use in the treatment of injured or sick persons. By adding certain preservatives, which do not affect its potency, this blood can be kept in sterile containers for use at some future date. Donors are asked to come to the hospital or laboratory to contribute this blood. There, it is taken, treated and stored. In this way there is always an ample supply for transfusions in any emergency. How wonderful are the findings of science! Today, you can give your blood which a month from now will save the life of some stranger perhaps a thousand miles away!

This is not one millionth as wonderful as what God did nineteen centuries ago. At that time there was one Man—the Man of Galilee—who gave ALL His blood and thus became the greatest donor in history. On the cross of Calvary a Blood Bank was opened, and into that bank went the life blood of the Lord Jesus Christ. It suits every type, avails for everyone, and is free to all who will submit to a transfusion by the Holy Spirit. All you need do is to apply for it by faith.

Even though we add chemicals to the blood in our blood banks to preserve it, eventually it deteriorates; but no preservatives were needed in His precious incorruptible blood. Not one drop of that blood was lost or wasted.

“Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold . . . but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without spot.”

Ah! The greatest of all transfusions is performed when a poor lost sinner, dead in trespasses and sins, is transfused by the precious blood from Calvary’s Blood Bank the moment he believes! Oh, “There is a fountain filled with blood drawn from Immanuel’s veins, and sinners plunged beneath that flood lose all their guilty stains!”

“The blood of Christ was in itself of infinite value, because it carried His soul, His very life,” said August Van Ryn. “But the life-giving flow on Calvary was infinite also, because of the manner in which it was shed. Yes, there was a special blood-shedding, not of massacres and murders, not that of bulls and goats. No longer was there atoning virtue in the blood of the old sacrifices. There must be a better sacrifice. There must be better blood. And praise God, there was blood-shedding once, which was honored and recognized by God Himself as being the blood-shedding responsible for the remission of sins for the whole world! It was a man—the very Son of God—who shed His blood in that memorable season.

It was Jesus Christ, the spotless, sinless Lamb who in holy obedience to His Father’s will subjected Himself to the penalty of the broken law by pouring out His soul unto death. By that death, not only was the penalty borne, but the law was fulfilled and the Father glorified. And when we visualize the redeemed throng in heaven described in the book of Revelation we hear them singing, not about their goodness, not about how they have kept the law and been faithful; but this is the song: ‘Unto Him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in His own blood.’ Forever mention will be made of that blood in the songs of the redeemed; and throughout all eternity, as long as heaven lasts, the praise of the blood will resound.”

Spurgeon said, “Oh, the manner in which His precious blood was shed for you and me! Can you bear to see it? Look there in a garden dark and cold with the frost of midnight; between those gloomy olive trees there is a man. He is groaning in agony untold. His countenance is writhing with the throes of anguish for those He had come to redeem. Drops of blood are streaming down His face and from His body; He is sweating—not the sweat of men who toil for bread; it is the sweat of One that toils for the souls of men—for He ‘sweats as it were great drops of blood.’ From the garden let us follow this man farther. He has been dragged with sacrilegious hands from the place of His prayer and His agony,

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The Wells of Salvation

IT IS WRITTEN, "WITH JOY SHALL YE draw water out of the wells of salvation" (Isaiah 12:3). The Bible has much to say about wells. In most parts of the Holy Land, wells were essential to survival. Americans who live in semiarid stretches of the southwest, where farmers must irrigate to bring their crops through the dry season, can appreciate this fact.

In Bible times wells were essential to life itself. Consequently the Spirit of God used wells to illustrate basic spiritual truths.

THE WOMAN AT THE WELL

In one of the most poignant stories of the New Testament we find Jesus seated at Jacob's well talking with a woman who had come to draw water. The unhappy woman had been trying to quench the thirst of her soul with the bitter waters of sin. Jesus told her of the water that would really satisfy. "Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again," He said, "but whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst" (John 4:13, 14). He told her that while water from Jacob's well would prolong life for a limited time, the water from the wells of salvation would give "everlasting life."

A short time later, Jesus stood among the crowd at a great feast and cried out, "If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink. He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his innermost being shall flow rivers of living water" (John 7:37, 38). This refers to the Holy Spirit, the Bible says.

The promise is: first, "water of everlasting life" for the thirsty, sin-sick soul; second, "rivers of living water" flowing out from the believer in ministry to others. That is God's will for every one of us: first, to be blessed in our own souls with full salvation; second, to be a blessing to others. The joy of being saved is exceeded only by the joy of helping others to obtain salvation.

ABRAHAM AND HIS WELLS

Wherever Abraham went he dug wells. The more his flocks and herds increased, the more wells he had to dig—and the more wells he dug, the more his flocks and herds increased. These were his wealth. Our wealth lies in the degree to which we have ministered to others—the extent to which we have permitted God to pour through us the "rivers of living water" that carry life and joy to the people around us.

Abraham did not prosper without a struggle. He had enemies. The land which

God had promised to him was occupied by a score of powerful tribes, godless and fierce, and we too have enemies who would hinder the flowing of those blessed rivers of the Spirit through our lives. Self is the greatest enemy. Wherever we dig a well we find self-will, self-pity, pride, conceit, sensitiveness, and impatience blocking the way. Outward circumstances also may seek to hinder us—a cold world, unsympathetic friends—while the principalities and powers of Satan himself also beset us. We must call on God to help us, and persevere with faith and courage. Abraham overcame his enemies and so may we. Our spiritual wealth will increase in proportion to the determination and diligence with which we serve God wherever He has placed us.

ISAAC AND HIS FATHER'S WELLS

When Abraham died, his son Isaac inherited great wealth, but the survival of all the flocks and herds depended on the wells of water in the various places where he put them to pasture. The envious Philistines came along and filled the wells with dirt. It was necessary for Isaac to dig them out again in order to survive.

Is there not an important lesson for us here? We have received a great inheritance from our forefathers. They have given us precious doctrines which we treasure dearly, but doctrines in them-

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selves may be little better than a filled-up well or a dried-up stream. It is the "living water" that counts. Let us follow Isaac's example and dig again the wells of our fathers. Let us be sure the wells are giving out the Water of Life so that our spiritual experience may be like theirs and the "flocks and herds" may flourish.

Isaac was not content with redigging his father's wells. His flocks increased and he needed additional wells, so he directed his servants to dig for themselves. They dug and brought in a well of "springing water," an artesian well. In that arid country, such a well was a great prize. The Philistines promptly appeared and captured it from Isaac's servants. Isaac told his servants not to fight for it. He called the well "Contention," and moved on. They dug another well, but the Philistines fought even more savagely for that one, and he let them have it. He called the well "Hatred," and moved on. He dug a third well, and this time the Philistines did not molest him. Therefore he called that well "Room," saying, "The Lord hath made room for us, and we shall be fruitful in the land." That same night God appeared to Isaac and renewed His covenant with him.

WELL DIGGERS NEEDED TODAY

Oh, what a need there is for more wells in the land! Some folk are always fighting over the old wells. They are continually arguing over some point of doctrine that is of relatively little importance, or striving for some private interpretation of a matter that is not clearly understood by even God's choicest saints. While it is sometimes necessary to stand firm and make a vigorous defense of the faith that was once delivered to the saints, at other times it is more pleasing to the Lord if we refrain from striving over doctrinal issues and dig more wells instead. The more wells there are, the more water will flow and the more the flocks and herds of the Lord will increase. Remember—when we're fighting we're not digging. God cannot put His blessing upon "contention"—much less upon "hatred." He is pleased when we make "room" for all His children. Let's keep "digging wells."

No matter what opposition you may face, just remember this: all things work together for good to those who love the Lord. Sometimes God maneuvers His own dear children into seemingly hopeless situations just to force them to dig fresh wells. There are wells of Divine Healing, Sanctification, Gifts of the Spirit, revival, faith, hope, love to be dug. Don't be discouraged. Take your digging tools of praise and prayer and go to work. We must dig or die. Better to put up with some pressure from the enemy than to suffer barrenness and thirst!

There must always be pressure or we would never have wells. It is the pres-

sure that gives force to the springing water; and likewise it is the pressure that comes upon God's people that causes them to dig.

"Pressed out of measure and pressed to all length.

Pressed so intensely it seems beyond strength;

Pressed in the body and pressed in the soul,

Pressed in the mind till the dark surges roll;

Pressed by our foes, and a pressure from friends,

Pressed out of measure till life nearly ends.

"Pressed into knowing no helper but God;

Pressed into loving the staff and the rod;

Pressed into liberty where nothing clings,

Pressed into faith for impossible things;

Pressed into living a life in the Lord,

Pressed into living the Christ-life out-poured."

So let us embrace the promise, endure the pressure, and enjoy the blessing of the Lord. Then "WITH JOY shall ye draw water out of the wells of salvation." Water for yourself—water for others—refreshing waters to slake the spiritual thirst of all!

America where houses of worship are no longer used on Sunday nights. This same situation is found in many other cities and communities over this nation. And as time goes on, one by one church lights all over America are going out on Sunday night. Have these lights faded because He who is the Light of the world has not been permitted to rotate in His orbit in the life of the church?

How about our own churches? When I, like thousands of other pastors and evangelists, step into my pulpit on many Sunday nights and note the small attendance I cannot help but wonder if we too are drifting into the same attitude toward the Sunday night services as the churches that line the big city street. I wonder why our own members absent themselves. Are some of them surrendering to the world, drifting along the paths of compromise and least resistance? Are they becoming lovers of television more than lovers of God?

If this drift is allowed to continue it will put us in the class with those spiritually dead churches whose only reason for existing is to have a place for weddings and funerals. This tendency is dangerous, it is treacherous, and eventually it will destroy us as a church, if not remedied.

Through the years the Sunday night service has been the evangelistic service of the week. It was in this service that many of us were saved and filled with the Holy Spirit. The Sunday night service still should be a high light of the church.

Ever since the beginning of the Assemblies of God, the Sunday night service has been the strong evangelistic arm of the church. Shall we allow that arm to wither and die? Shall we neglect and forget it, thinking that it is not as important as other services? God forbid! Let us rally to the cause, and give the Sunday night service our wholehearted support and attendance.

AN INDISPENSABLE PART

If Christ is the *Door*, you are the door-keeper to open or close it for others.

If He is the *Light* of the world, you are the bearer of that light to the end of the earth.

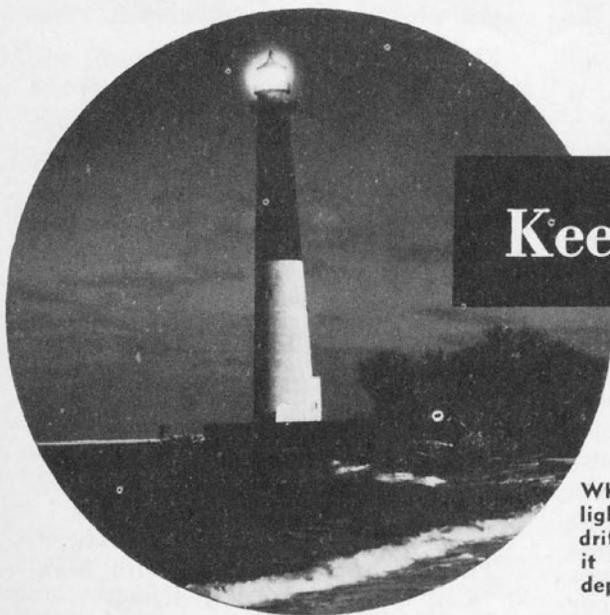
If He is the *Vine*, you are the fruit-bearing branch that draws life from that vine.

If He is the *Bread* of life, you are to break it to feed those who hunger.

If He is the *Truth*, you are the truth-bearer, the interpreter of the truth.

If He is the bright and morning *Star*, you are to brush aside the clouds that veil His beauty from the world, that humanity may see and live forever.

Oh, glorious truth that we are an indispensable part of the great plan and program of the Father!—R. M. A.



Keep It Shining!

by JESSE E. SMITH
Atlanta, Ga.

What the lighthouse is to the mariner, the light in the church window is to a sinner drifting on life's darkened sea. We must keep it shining! The salvation of precious souls depends upon it.

THE TEMPLE IN JERUSALEM WAS A magnificent structure. The disciples of Christ were greatly impressed with its grandeur, and so they came to Jesus to "shew him the buildings of the temple." Jesus' answer indicated that the buildings of the Temple were not His principal concern. What He saw going on inside those buildings meant more to Him. Therefore He told His disciples, "See ye not all these things? There shall not be left here one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down." In essence the Master said, "Do not be blinded by size, number, or architectural beauty of these buildings, for they are not the things that really matter."

I feel as the disciples must have felt, every time I ride down a certain street in one of our large American cities. On almost every corner there stands a beautiful structure with its spire pointing to the skies, and I cannot help but be deeply impressed by the beauty and grandeur of them all.

But when I ride down this same street at night it is a different story. It is then I see those churches as they really are, and as God sees them—dark, empty, and void of life.

In many of those houses dedicated to the worship of God, not a light can be seen. Because the crowds were so small, they have ceased trying to have Sunday night services—and they have long since discontinued the midweek service. Thousands of people are on their rolls, but these members feel that if they support the church financially and attend one service a week they have discharged their duty and responsibility to God and the church.

Once the sanctuary was filled with brilliance on Sunday night, and streams of light poured through beautiful windows to beckon the lost and welcome happy worshipers to the house of God. Now the lights are out, and all is dark and cold. Once beautiful strains of music came from these churches to lift and inspire men to worship their God. Now all is silent and still. Once the happy sounds of singing, praise, and preaching could be heard. Now those temples stand as a lighthouse that has lost its light, or as a bell that has lost its voice—darkened and silent as a mute monument of shame to a membership who did not care enough to attend God's house on Sunday night.

But this is not the only street in



"Unto Us a Son Is Given..."

Do you remember your first glimpse of your son or daughter? How proud you were! Your heart was filled with high hopes for that child! All the purity and innocence of heaven itself seemed to be reflected in his tiny face. You had been given a sacred trust. Silently you said, "I must not fail this child."

He was yours—yours to cherish, yours to love! Every essential of his life was entrusted to you. His cries were for food, for care, or perhaps he was afraid. At the first sound of his cries, you were immediately at his bedside.

Soon you discovered that this child brought more than joy and happiness. You now became a parent! It was your privilege and responsibility to provide his food, his shelter, his clothing.

How often you have seen the faith of your child in operation! He asks, "Mother, Dad, what are we having for dinner?" There is no doubt in his mind but that you will provide something to fill his empty stomach.

Every mother has smiled as her child burst into the room after school shouting, "Mother, where are you?" He knew you were there someplace. It was imperative that he know at once just where you could be found. He was just bursting to tell you something!

As he participated in the annual Christmas program at church, you forgot the sacrifice of a new dress in order to afford him a new pair of shoes for the program. The shabbiness of your dress was forgotten in the warm pleasure of his accomplishment.

Because of your love for him, you gladly took a portion of the household funds and purchased a cherished toy for him at Christmas. You were delighted to see the rapture in his eyes as he opened the gift. His eyes sparkled and danced as he hugged your neck and asked, "Is this really mine?" Faith and love were shining from his eyes. Your joy was full.

Christmas is approaching once more. You are already beginning to plan how you are going to purchase your children's presents. You think, "I can use that money I have saved for a new coat, to buy a doll for Janie, a sled for Timmy, and a pair of skates for Dick."

The missionary on the home field is thinking of Christmas, too. But his thoughts are not the same. He has been sacrificing his all for the sake of the gospel. He looks at his accounts and does not see any chance to sacrifice more in

order to bring joy to his children at Christmas.

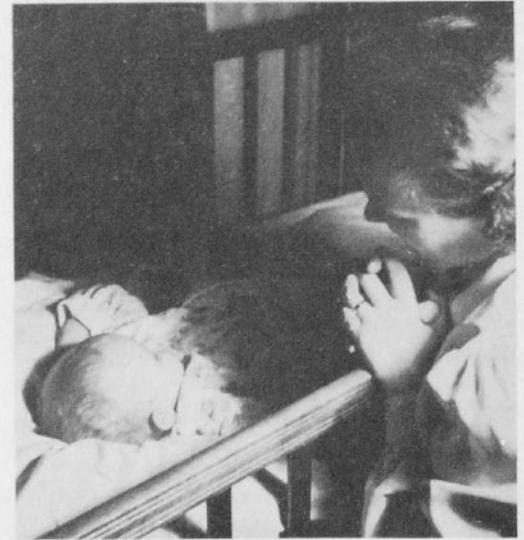
"The payment on that portable light plant is due just before Christmas. It must be paid. Perhaps by the first of January I will be able to give the children something. They will understand. They won't mind waiting."

Then the missionary thinks of his people—the Indians, or the Eskimos, and possibly the little homeless children who look to him at Christmas. Each year the missionary gladdens the heart of a tiny child by pressing into his hand a little gift, and telling him of the greatest Gift of all, the Lord Jesus Christ.

"How will we manage this year?" the missionary ponders. "God has never failed. Surely He will help us." And so they look to God, an ever-present help in time of need.

As God speaks to your heart, won't you give a little extra so that missionaries on Indian reservations, in prisons, among the Jews, among the Deaf, and in the Land of the Midnight Sun may have a joyous Christmas? Christ was given—"unto us." Can we do less than to give in His name? Won't you honor Him at Christmas by remembering our home missionaries?

NOW is the time to send your special Christmas gift. If you do it without delay, the missionaries and their children will have a happy Christmas.



PLEASE don't let them down. If you believe in the work our missionaries are doing, send your love offering to THE HOME MISSIONS DEPARTMENT, 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield 1, Missouri. Designate your gift "CHRISTMAS OFFERING." Don't delay!

—BY ALICE W. CAPPLEMAN

DRAWN TO CHRIST

What can strip the seeming beauty
From the idols of the earth?
Not a sense of right or duty,
But a sight of peerless worth.
'Tis that look that melted Peter,
'Tis that face that Stephen saw,
'Tis that heart that wept with Mary
Can alone from idols draw—
Draw and win and fill completely,
Till the cup o'erflows its brim.
What have we to do with idols
Since we've companied with Him?

—J. Stuart Holden.



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NEWS BRIEFS FROM THE CHRISTIAN PERSPECTIVE

The Cost of Crime

J. Edgar Hoover, Director of the FBI, recently said that crime costs the nation \$14.00 for every dollar that is given to the churches.

He pointed out that the crime picture is very dark, in spite of the fact that during the first six months of 1955 there was a downturn in the national crime rate for the first time in seven years.

City Council to Open Its Meetings With Prayer

The municipal governing body of Trenton, N. J. has decided to open its weekly meetings with prayer. Acting Mayor Sido Ridolfi said the matter was brought to his attention by a letter from Mayor E. S. Christoffersen, of Turlock, Calif., suggesting that all city governing bodies open their sessions with prayer.

Mayor Christoffersen is an active Christian layman in Bethel Temple, an Assemblies of God church in Turlock.

Thousands of Canadian Converts

The converts in the Billy Graham crusade at Toronto, Canada, which ended October 16, numbered into the thousands. In the first 14 meetings the evangelist addressed 176,200 persons and 2,775 people made "decisions for Christ."

Graham told a breakfast meeting of 600 ministers that the average age of the Toronto converts was greater than in any other crusade city. He said that the main age group for his converts has generally been 19 to 29, but in Toronto the biggest group was 30 to 39 years old.

He made a further observation that did not speak very well for the clergy. He observed that two-thirds of all those who made "decisions for Christ" in Toronto were already connected with a church in some way.

Startling Statistics

Here are some statistics compiled in a new book *A Guide to Religions of America*, published by Simon and Schuster, and reported in *Christian Life*.

Ninety-six per cent of all Americans say they believe in the Creator, but only 76 per cent believe in a life hereafter. More than 70 per cent of American Negroes are church members, but only 60 per cent of the white population claim they are members of a church. Couples who have the same religious beliefs have twice as good a chance of a happy marriage as those that don't.

Sentiment among Protestants favoring one united Protestant church has climbed

from 40 per cent in 1940 to 50 per cent at present. Those opposed have shrunk to 39 per cent. Among clergymen, 38 per cent believe the Bible is "wholly free from legend or myth," a figure significantly close to the percentage of church members who oppose one united Protestant church.

And if you are an evangelical, Bible-believing Christian, you might ponder and pray over this significant final item: Among ministerial students surveyed only four per cent said they believed the Bible contains no myths.

Was Christ thinking of our day when He asked, "When the Son of man cometh, shall He find faith on the earth" (Luke 18:8)?

New Postal Procedure for Church Publications

The new simplified procedure for church publications, which was mentioned on this page a few weeks ago, will be of interest to many local congregations and religious groups. It permits a church or church organization to obtain low second-class postal rates for its periodical without having a list of paid subscribers.

Full details are given in Postal Bulletin No. 19880, dated September 22, 1955. Anyone desiring further information should inquire at a local Post Office. The periodical must be printed, not mimeographed, and it must meet certain requirements concerning the advertising it carries.

The Church in China

A Pentecostal missionary in Hong Kong, J. Rutherford Spence, writes in *Pentecost* as follows: "Just out from Shanghai have come two C. I. M. missionaries who decided to stay on when the Communists came in. He got a job with a large English shipping firm. The good news is that the Church in China is carrying on and is writing a wonderful page of Church History. Special meetings are being held, souls are being saved, and the Chinese Christians are being deepened in Christ."

Good News From Poland

The latest issue of Donald Gee's excellent magazine *Pentecost* contains a number of reports from Poland, with a photograph of a baptismal service that was held in Lubline, Poland, last May.

Two years ago, five of the denominations in Poland joined together as the United Evangelical Churches. Out of a total of 6,000 members, 3,700 are Pente-

als. Out of 97 churches, 58 are Pentecostal. God is blessing the believers and numbers are being converted from week to week. A letter dated June 7 said that the churches have absolute liberty to proclaim the gospel, for which they praise God.

Pentecost in Russia

A letter from Joseph Bondar in Poland, dated June 7, is quoted in *Pentecost* as follows:

"We receive a magazine from our brothers from Moscow called *Brothers' Herald*. There are many of our brethren in the U.S.S.R. who freely preach the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, who are witnesses of the grace of God and are partakers of the divine nature. Their magazine is published jointly by Baptist, Independent Evangelical and Pentecostal Churches."

The good reports of religious liberty in Communist lands must be tempered with news from other sources. *Eternity* magazine tells of a confidential source, speaking Russian, who was able to talk privately with some of the Russian delegates who attended the Baptist World Alliance at London, England, during the past summer. This informant says:

"I was able to speak with the Russian Baptist delegates. It was very interesting. Even though they pretend to be free to preach the gospel, this notion of freedom is absolutely different from that which we know in the West. They admitted one fact, that they have not the right to exercise any religious propaganda outside of their one auditorium in Moscow, and they cannot baptize or admit into the church any young person who has not reached his eighteenth birthday. All work of Sunday School is absolutely forbidden. . . . But unfortunately in their public appearance in London they claimed to enjoy total freedom. I believe that even if these brethren are sincere, we must conclude that their 'liberty' is like that of a bird in a cage, or of a prisoner in his prison."

Center Destroyed in Israel

The Southern Baptists planned to open a center in downtown Tel Aviv with a program of reading and recreation, Bible study and worship. Shortly before the opening date, the center was destroyed by police, and it is believed that pressure from the Orthodox rabbinate was behind the act. The Southern Baptists are appealing to the supreme court of Israel against the destruction.

Record World Population

The world's population reached 2,547,000,000 in mid-1953, according to the United Nations demographic *Yearbook*. This figure represents an increase of 92,000,000 in three years.



Miracles in Africa

John S. Richards, South Africa

"Go ye therefore and teach all nations. . . Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel."

These two Scriptures have been fulfilled in a blessed way in the Pokwane campaign with Fred Burke and his Bible students from Witbank. Despite cold weather, 300 to 800 came out each night with a total of many hundreds turning to the Lord for salvation. Over 100 want to link up with the new assembly formed as a result of this campaign. Also we understand that as a direct result of this meeting the other churches which ordinarily had few people attending their services are now full.

Among those who turned to the Lord was a young white man and his wife. He is a director in a chain trading store business.

The heathen expressed their joy at coming to the tent to hear the gospel, and when the altar calls were given they came forward but apparently did not receive an experience of salvation at first. About a week went by and then the break came. What a joy it was to hear them call on the Lord for His salvation!

One night the chief came under great conviction and was the first to stand up when the altar call was given. He had seen the sick delivered from their diseases instantly, and now he came out

especially to ask that we lay hands on him for deliverance from the evil habits and sins that were in his life. He and his people have given a site on which to build a church.

The Lord wrought mightily in healing power, also. One night, out of a total of some 200 people prayed for, only a handful said they were not delivered. Truly God is good! Two young people who had suffered with nasal obstructions since infancy were completely and instantly delivered. One woman gave a glorious testimony to being healed from the after-effects of childbirth. She had been treated at two hospitals and had suffered for about a year. Quite a number gave testimony to being healed of chronic troubles of long standing.

Brother Burke prayed for the wife of a retired police sergeant who had a blind eye, and the Lord instantly healed her. The wife of the court interpreter broke down and wept for joy when the Lord delivered her from rheumatism in the shoulders and arms, from which she had been suffering for eight months. All this came from preaching the gospel; the Lord confirmed His Word with the signs following.

Immediately after this glorious campaign we attended the annual conference and short-term Bible School in the Potgietersrust district. This is the twentieth

year since we pioneered the short-term Bible schools in the Northern Transvaal. We had our largest attendance, with 139 enrolled in all three departments.

One feature of these brief schools is that they have been self-supporting. The requirements this year were 1800 pounds of corn meal (the staple diet), two whole oxen, about 150 pounds of sugar, plus tea and coffee. But their eyes were not on the simple diet; they were feasting on "manna from above." The catering was handled entirely by the natives themselves, leaving the missionaries free to minister the Word and teach. Mr. Mason and Mrs. Richards and I taught the adult classes. Christoffer PHEME taught the young people, and his wife Tabitha taught the children.

Classes lasted all day long. In the evenings and on Sunday there were precious preaching and testimony services,

Photos at top of page, left to right:

- (1) A small group of those who were healed.
- (2) Police sergeant's daughter testifying.
- (3) Mrs. Richards teaching her class.
- (4) Christopher PHEME, campaign song leader, with young people's group.

Photos at bottom of page, left to right:

- (1) Children enjoying corn meal mush and meat relish.
- (2) Banner winners for largest attendance.
- (3) Natives doing the cooking for the school.



and tarrying for the Baptism in the Holy Ghost. Quite a few sinners came to the Lord during these services. The testimonies were inspiring, God glorifying. One was especially worthy of note. It was by the daughter of a police sergeant—in her twenties. She was apprehended on the streets of Potgietersrust last February, raving mad. We were called upon to pray for her and God granted an instantaneous deliverance to His eternal glory. She was able to come with the delegation from her home to help them win the two pennants for the longest distances traveled to attend the Conference and Bible School.

Thirteen received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. It brought us great joy as we listened to some speaking in English. The workers came and explained to us that this one did not know a word of English, and that one did not know a word of Zulu, yet they spoke these languages as the Holy Spirit gave them utterance. Truly Pentecost is real! Hallelujah! At the close of the conference twenty were immersed in water.

One service was set aside to pray for deliverance from wrong habits. After the ministry of the Word, those bound were invited to come forward. Many confessed to habits of lying, stealing, using tobacco and liquor, and other sins. After praying

through we laid hands on them and commanded the evil powers to trouble them no more. Later in the conference we called for those who were now free to raise their hands. Our hearts were gladdened by their show of hands and also by the testimony of a storekeeper who said his native clerk was now set free from the tobacco habit. Jesus is Victor!

The school sessions were held in a borrowed tent. Our old tent broke down in the midst of last year's school and conference. We praise God for the money to purchase a canvas to build a new tent ourselves. We are now asking God's people to pray for a new and larger truck, as our present one-ton truck is too small for all the equipment needed in the campaigns scheduled ahead. Even as I write this we are in the embarrassing position of waiting for a spare part from Johannesburg because of a broken axle—waiting en route when we should be pitching the tent in Bulawayo for a scheduled meeting in that large city. Our total load is around 5,500 pounds being carried or pulled in a trailer. Rather a tall order for a one-ton vehicle!

We rejoice in the privilege of this work of preaching, teaching, and ministering to the needs of these precious souls. Share with us in this great endeavor.

MISSIONARY News Notes



Josephine Spina sailed for East Pakistan October 1 on the SS *Andrea Dorea*.

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Ervin Shaffer Jr. was born on September 22 to Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Shaffer in South Africa.

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A cable received from Harbel, Liberia, tells of the safe arrival of the R. J. Renfro family.

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On October 6 Thelma J. Tate sailed for India.

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Lillian Trasher has arrived in Assiut, Egypt, where she was welcomed enthusiastically by the children of the orphanage. The homecoming celebration lasted for hours.



Josephine Spina



Thelma J. Tate

Announcing an Award Winner



Ernest P. Pruett

just an award involved. The purpose is to get the missionary message in the hands of men and women. Every member of the Assemblies of God should read the *Challenge*. It informs the readers concerning the missionaries, the mission fields, the native workers and the marvelous spiritual results wrought by the Holy Ghost throughout the world.

The subscription price is only one dollar per year—or just eighty-five cents in bundles of four or more. This is a wise investment! You can mail your subscription today to *WORLD CHALLENGE*, 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield 1, Mo. (or write the *Challenge* signifying your desire to win the award of a typewriter).

We salute Ernest Pruett, and we encourage those who are heading for the goal of 200 subscriptions to go on and do as he has done!

The Hindu Bible gives the *Great Commission* in these words, "Go ye out in the highways and hedges and do not come back until you bring someone with you." It would be wonderful if every Christian would do just that.

The eagle that soars near the sun is not concerned how it will cross the stream.

The first typewriter to be awarded in the *World Challenge* subscription campaign will go to a very busy person! Ernest Pruett, District Superintendent of the Georgia District, will get the award. There have been 203 subscriptions received to his credit.

To win a typewriter, one must get 200 subscriptions (new ones) for the *World Challenge* by January 1st. Anyone is eligible. The *Challenge* is the official missionary organ of the Assemblies of God.

Enthusiasm is increasing! Many are working, realizing there is more than

Special Notice

Gift parcels may now be sent to the Assiut Orphanage duty free. Friends were advised in our Orphanage booklet to send these parcels to the Assemblies of God Warehouse, 233 53rd Street, Brooklyn 20, New York, for forwarding to the Orphanage. But now permission has been granted for gift parcels to come directly to the Orphanage, as well as through New York. So, please send all small parcels directly to: ASSIUT ORPHANAGE, % Lillian Trasher, Assiut, Egypt. Your gift parcel should not weigh more than twenty-two pounds. It should be wrapped carefully in a strong carton, and a list of its contents should be attached. In addition, please place inside the parcel your correct address and another list of the parcel's contents. Your gift can then be acknowledged more accurately and promptly.

Barrels and large boxes should still be sent through the New York Warehouse, clearly marked for Lillian Trasher.

THE WORD IS POWERFUL AND PERMANENT—1 Peter 1:16-25

"The word of the Lord endureth for ever" (v. 25).

In this world of change and uncertainty the Christian's heart rejoices in the knowledge that God's Word never changes and will never pass away. It is a sure foundation upon which to build a successful life.

I have been told that seasickness is caused by a sensation of non-support, or a long-continued sense of falling. This is a result of the lack of a sure foundation under foot when the ship rises and falls with the waves, or is rolled from side by side by the billows. The same is true in the spiritual realm. Any man is spiritually seasick who does not have the Word of God for a foundation.

"All flesh is as grass, and . . . the grass withereth" (v. 24). The only way this perishing mortal creature can become incorruptible and immortal is for him to receive the powerful, preserving, and eternal Word of God. "For ever, O Lord, thy word is settled in heaven" (Psa. 119:89).

—NOAH P. WHITE

THURSDAY, November 10

THE PREACHED WORD IS CONVINCING—Acts 18:24-28

This scripture concerns a certain Jew from Alexandria whose name was Apollos. Even before his New Testament vision was complete, and before Aquila and Priscilla had made their notable contribution to his Christian education, Apollos was a great asset to the infant Church. His growth in spiritual stature must have been phenomenal. I can conceive of no other explanation for the early and widespread demand for his ministry. In the Corinthian record his name stands high on the list of favorite preachers—Paul, Apollos, Cephas.

There is evidence in the narrative that Apollos, like Saul of Tarsus, possessed natural gifts that were outstanding, but

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...they searched the Scriptures daily

MONDAY, November 7

PAUL IN EPHESUS—Acts 19:1, 8-20

"So mightily grew the word of God and prevailed" (v. 20).

This was one of the most glorious revivals in the ministry of the apostle Paul. His proposed visit to Ephesus had been divinely interrupted three or four years earlier in order that he might first take the gospel to Europe. It was now God's will for Paul to spend the next three years in this Oriental metropolis preaching the gospel.

God's man in God's place in God's time! The results? A mighty visitation of the Holy Spirit upon the Ephesian disciples, accompanied by the phenomenon of speaking in other tongues. The sick were healed, and those possessed by demons were made free by the power of God. This revival had taken deep root in prepared soil. "So mightily grew the word of God and prevailed" that many were saved and wicked books were destroyed—all because God's man was in God's place in God's time!

If each member of Christ's Body could be so situated, the world would experience the greatest revival in its history. Let each of us do his part, and be found in the place of obedience and surrender. Then we too will witness the mighty transforming power of God's Word in the lives of men and women.

—O. L. HARRUP

TUESDAY, November 8

THE WORD OF GOD IS INSPIRED—2 Timothy 3:8-17

"All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable . . . for instruction in righteousness: that the man of God may be perfect" (vv. 16, 17).

A friend of mine in India had a remarkable conversion many years ago. Soon afterwards he was given a New Testament. Beginning with Matthew he read straight through the first three Gospels without stopping; and as he continued to read in John, he was suddenly arrested by John 3:3. A wonderful Being seemed to be speaking to him over and over again the words, "Verily, verily I say to you; verily, verily I your Lord am speaking to you the words of this Book."

The overwhelming wonder of the realization that his God had spoken to him personally—the consciousness that through the words of the Book God had provided a way by which He could talk to him—that realization never left that young man. The Bible became to him literally THE WORD OF HIS GOD. Until this day he reads it on his knees with the greatest reverence, always conscious that Christ is saying something of supreme importance to him personally. Because of his attitude toward the Scriptures, God has signally honored him and he has become India's leading evangelist. There is no one under whose teaching I would rather sit to listen to the expounding of the Word of God.

Truly all Scripture is inspired of God. Treat it accordingly, and you will find it exceedingly profitable.

—ROBERT W. CUMMINGS

the single thing that gave him a place in sacred history was that somewhere this religious Jew "found him, of whom Moses in the law, and the prophets, did write, Jesus of Nazareth." From that day forward he used effectively his natural eloquence, his fervor of spirit, and his knowledge of the Scriptures to convince his countrymen that Jesus was the Christ.

We linger to underscore the outstanding truth in this bit of inspired history. It was eloquence born of fervency and diligence, coupled with wise handling of the Scriptures, that left this preacher's audience "mightily" convinced.

—W. T. GASTON

FRIDAY, November 11

OPPOSITION TO THE WORD—Acts 19:23-33

"And the same time there arose no small stir about that way" (v. 23).

There was no small stir! What an interesting way of saying that there was great excitement, a tumult, a near riot. The people of the town were greatly moved, and the thing which moved them was the liberation of a girl bound by Satan. People are not always greatly moved, for it is recorded that even Jesus was unable to do mighty works in one place because of the people's unbelief.

But where He can find people of faith through whom He can work, He wants to create a stir. Not an argument over some minor doctrine. Not a dispute about the personalities through whom He works. Not merely the interest which can be aroused by cleverly devised advertising. He wants to perform miracles of salvation which will set our cities and towns agog. And He looks for people who will create the atmosphere of faith which makes such miracles possible. Sometimes those people are well-known men of great faith. More frequently they are the unknown prayer warriors who wait faithfully on the Lord and whose names will be revealed only at the Bema judgment.

Has God given you a hunger to see something wonderful happen in your town? Hold on in prayer. Create the atmosphere of faith. One day He will perform the miracle which will set the town aflame.

—WILLIAM E. PICKTHORN

SATURDAY, November 12

THE OPEN BOOK BRINGS PRAISES TO GOD—Revelation 5:1-12

"Worthy is the Lamb" (v. 12).

The "Hallelujah Chorus" from Handel's *Messiah* is the most widely used portion of that justly famous oratorio. But another chorus which begins "Worthy is the Lamb" has the effect upon the listener of causing him to bow in wonder, love, and praise to the Saviour. He

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is humbled as he hears of the "Lamb that was slain."

The book in this passage is the revelation of God's purpose and counsel concerning the world. "Who is worthy to open the book?" The undertaking required moral worth not found in man or angel. But, behold, the Lion of Judah has prevailed. As the Lion, He crushes every opposing force. But when John looked, he saw "a Lamb as it had been slain." As the sacrificial Lamb, Christ has redeemed men to God by His blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation, and has made them kings and priests unto God.

Let the four beasts and the four and twenty elders fall down before Him. Let millions of the angels around the throne strike their harps in glad acclaim, crying, "Worthy is the Lamb that was slain." And let us who still remain on earth unite in joyful song,

*"All hail the power of Jesus' name,
Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem,
And crown Him Lord of all."*

—LELAND R. KEYS

Sunday School lesson for November 13, 1955—
"Paul in Ephesus" (Acts 19:1, 8-20).

Continued from page three—

"Not Without Blood"

and they have taken Him to the hall of Pilate. They seat Him in a chair and mock Him; they place a robe of purple about His shoulders in mockery. They have put about His brow a crown of thorns which pierce His flesh, and the crimson drops are coursing down his cheeks.

"But this is not all that wicked men have done to Him. Turn aside that purple robe for a moment. His back is bleeding. They lift up the thongs still dripping

clots of blood, and scourge and tear His flesh, and make a river of blood to run down His shoulders! They hurry Him through the streets and up Golgotha's hill where they fling Him to the ground; they nail His hands and feet to the wood; hoist it in the air, and dash it into its socket. It is fixed, and there He hangs, the Christ of God. See Him! Look upon Him! Blood from His head, blood from His hands, blood from His feet! In agony unknown He bleeds away His life. He cries: 'Eloi, Eloi, Lama Sabachthani'—'My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?'

"And then see! They pierce His side, and blood and water rush forth. Oh! This is the shedding of blood without which there is no remission for sins. This is the manner in which that precious blood was shed for you and me. Precious blood, which bought us and cleanses us and reconciles us back to our Maker. Powerful blood, bespeaking the grace of God and resurrection life which emanates from Calvary! Incorruptible blood that washes the sinner and makes him white as snow! Supernatural blood, which cries in the very presence of God: 'It is finished!'"

Hallelujah! The blood of Jesus Christ is spirit, power, truth, and life to them that believe. It takes us into the Holiest Place and there we can have an everlasting abiding in the sanctuary of God's wonderful Presence! Hallelujah! for the Blood!

THE HAND OF THE POTTER

Stay still in the hand of the Potter;
Lie low 'neath His wonderful to ch;
He shapeth and mouldeth in mercy
The one that He loveth so much.
Surrender thyself to His working,
The curve and the hollow He wills,
Nor shrink from the pain and the pressure,

For the vessel He fashions, He fills.
—Beatrice Cleland.

HEALED

If God has healed you recently, we invite you to write out your testimony for publication so that others who need healing will be encouraged to believe and receive the Lord's healing touch. Kindly make your testimony as brief as possible, and ask your pastor to sign it; then mail it to the Pentecostal Evangel, 434 W. Pacific St., Springfield 1, Mo.

GROWTH

A year ago at this time I was quite ill. There was a knot in my right side which the doctor said was a growth. I was confined to my bed. Members of my family thought that I would soon be gone. (I heard them whispering.)

In August of 1954 new pastors came to my church, Sisters Enyart and Petznick. They visited me and were greatly con-

cerned at my condition. The first of September they brought in Marjorie Loomis, pastor of the Corbin (Kentucky) Assembly, and her co-worker, to pray with me. When my pastors and the visiting pastors prayed for me that evening I felt a current go through my body and I claimed healing.

For a few days it seemed that my healing was complete. I gained strength and testified of my healing. Then I slipped back apparently to the condition I had been in before.

One day soon after that my pastors visited me again. I said to them, "I think that it is my husband. He is away from God." Sister Enyart went into the next room where my husband was sitting and talked with him. He agreed to join with me in daily prayer and Bible reading for a week. The pastors returned a week later and found me on my feet, and my husband happy in the Lord!

Today I am still on my feet. The

growth disappeared and has not returned. I am eighty years old. I have traveled this Pentecostal way a long time. I have been healed before and have seen many others healed. I know our God does heal in response to the prayer of faith when conditions are met.—Mrs. Claude Tate, Everton, Missouri.

(Endorsed by Pastors Ruby M. Enyart and Erna C. Petznick, Everton, Missouri.)

PARALYTIC STROKE

I am happy since the Lord healed me. I am 72 years of age. In May 1954 I had a stroke which left the right side of my body useless. Also my speech was impaired.

Brother DeWitt (a deacon in our Assembly who works in the church extension ministry) was called for prayer. He came and prayed for me; then he extended his hand and commanded me to arise in the name of the Lord and walk. In faith I arose, and walked—and my speech returned.

My children witnessed this miracle. I visited with them and had lunch with them. However, at 11 p.m. I had another stroke and found myself in the same condition. The doctor ordered me to the hospital, where I remained for eight days. But my condition was not improved, so I requested to be taken home.

I was carried into the house and laid on the sofa, and then we again called Brother DeWitt for prayer. After prayer he again commanded me to arise and walk in the name of the Lord. The Lord again performed a miracle, for I arose and walked and my speech was restored. After many months I am still well and able to do my work around the house. I give God all the credit for my healing.—Mrs. Lydia Stadler, Old Plank Road, DePere, Wis.

(Endorsed by Pastor E. A. Beck, Green Bay, Wisconsin.)

ASTHMA

In August 1939 I contracted hay fever, and asthma soon followed. For fourteen years I gradually grew worse. I spent hundreds of dollars for medical treatment, but none of the doctors were able to help me. At times I had such difficulty in breathing that I feared death was near. Worst of all, I was not prepared for death; though I was 65 I had never been saved. My wife and mother and sister had been praying for me more than 30 years.

One Sunday morning in October 1953 I was lying on my bed resting, when God showed me some things I needed to quit: cards, tobacco, whiskey, and other things. I got up, burnt the cards and pipe, broke the whiskey bottle, and went

REVIVALTIME Giving



Since the last report was published two months ago there has been no change in the top district of either column. Northwest still leads in Total Giving and New York still leads in Average Giving Per Church. Eastern is still second in the Total Giving Column but both New York and Southern Missouri have forged ahead a little faster than Ohio and the latter district is now fifth. The same ten districts are still in the "top ten" as were there two months ago.

TOTAL GIVING

1. Northwest	\$13,676.20
2. Eastern	12,039.53
3. New York	11,565.35
4. Southern Missouri	11,056.92
5. Ohio	10,848.06
6. Southern California	9,361.15
7. Illinois	8,163.45
8. N. California-Nevada	7,747.01
9. Michigan	7,421.94
10. Potomac	7,215.14

In the Average Giving Per Church column, New Jersey and Ohio districts have changed places, but nine of the districts that were in the "top ten" two months ago are still there. The newcomer in the "top ten" is the Rocky Mountain district which has registered a remarkable increase in its Average Giving Per Church.

Here are the totals for the first nine months of 1955, ending September 30:

AVERAGE GIVING PER CHURCH

1. New York	\$85.67
2. New Jersey	71.65
3. Ohio	66.14
4. New England	53.33
5. Nebraska	63.27
6. Rocky Mountain	60.68
7. Northwest	56.06
8. Eastern	54.72
9. Montana	50.04
10. Michigan	47.57

The Radio Department deeply appreciates the interests that the pastors and churches of all of the districts are taking in REVIVALTIME. As a token of appreciation the District Superintendent

whose district is at the top of either column on Dec. 31, 1955, will be given special recognition on the REVIVALTIME broadcast in February.

Hear C. M. Ward on REVIVALTIME ...

"A TIME TO BE BORN AND A TIME TO DIE"

SERMON SUBJECT FOR NOVEMBER 6

SUNDAY 10:30 P.M. ABC NETWORK



and lay down again. Then and there God healed me. Oh, praise His wonderful name!

I could not stay away from God after He healed me, and I began to pray that He would save my soul. It was about 1:30 one morning that I received Jesus into my heart.

When I was healed I weighed 134 pounds, but in three months I weighed 165. I was very weak before the Lord healed me, but now I work all day and feel fine. Since God saved me I have read my Bible and prayed every day.

If you need healing don't be discouraged. Look up to God. He is no respecter of persons.—John H. Martin, Tyrone, Mo.

(Endorsed by Pastor H. W. Shoemaker, Tyrone, Mo.)

GROWTH; ULCERS

God still heals today! I know, for I experienced His miraculous healing touch. The first part of March 1955 my stomach, which had been giving me much trouble, started hurting intensely and I began passing bits of flesh. I went to the Russellville hospital for a checkup, and X rays revealed that I had a large growth on my stomach. The doctor said it was serious and that I must have surgery immediately. People in eleven churches, including my pastor, Raymond Phillips, began praying earnestly that God would heal me.

On March 20 I was taken back to the hospital so weak I had to be fed through my veins. After taking another X ray, the doctor told me that an operation would not be necessary since the growth was gone and only a scar was left. But he said I had a badly ulcerated stomach.

I went back home, thanking God for healing that growth and asking Him to heal those ulcers. Brother Phillips told me to read Mark 11:22-24 over and over, and to quote those verses every time I felt pain. I also wrote Brother Roberts for an anointed prayer cloth.

As I was praying on May 4, I looked up toward heaven and began thanking God for healing those ulcers, for I was persuaded that He was healing me. I felt the sweet and powerful presence of Christ surge through me and I knew I was healed.

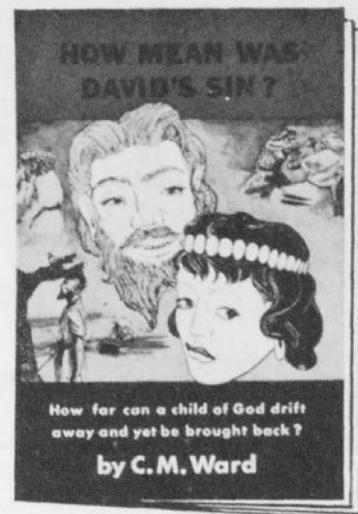
I went back to the hospital for a final checkup, and the X rays showed that my stomach was in perfect condition. The doctors were amazed.

Now I am gaining weight and doing all my housework. I feel wonderful. Praise God for His wonderful saving and healing power.—Mrs. Carmen Burrows, P. O. Box 63, Havana, Ark.

(Endorsed by Pastor Raymond J. Phillips, Pastor, Assembly of God, Havana, Ark.)

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STAYTON, OREG.—Our section has just concluded a meeting with the Tom B. Myers Party of California. People from the surrounding area attended the meeting. A lady blind in one eye for a number of years was healed. Many others were healed of various afflictions from night to night.—Harold E. Beaty, Pastor and Chairman.

MONTICELLO, LA.—For two weeks in August, we enjoyed the Spirit-anointed ministry of Evangelist Tommy Wilborn of Port Lavaca, Tex. A goodly number were saved and others received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Many testified to bodily healing. The entire congregation was strengthened through the preaching of the Word.—G. C. Kirksey, Pastor, Assembly of God.

WICHITA, KANS.—On September 25, we closed a meeting with the Singing Sandall Family. The church was stirred by the anointed preaching and music. Six were saved, seven received the baptism of the Holy Spirit, many were refilled, and several were healed. Night after night we tarried in the presence of the Lord until the midnight hour. One man became so hungry for the Baptism he could not wait until the evening service. He stopped work one day and came to the morning prayer meeting, and God met him in a glorious way.—Derald Musgrove, Pastor.

PETERSBURG, W. VA.—A group of our Christian people prayed and fasted that God would send us a revival. Evangelist and Mrs. John Higginbotham came for a meeting and the Lord surely answered our prayer. We appreciated Brother Higginbotham's desire to get precious souls saved. A number of the young people received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. My daughter, who faithfully plays the piano for the church services, also received the Baptism. On the last Sunday morning, eleven young people were saved.

This meeting was an inspiration to our people and helped to stimulate their faith. Many were healed of various afflictions, including cancers, goiters, and tumors.

A 19-year-old boy, who was paralyzed from his hips down, was healed after Brother Higginbotham prayed for him. He got up from his cot and walked up and down the church aisles, praising the Lord.

A five-year-old girl, who was dying with cancer, was brought in on a cot. The Lord healed her and she got up and walked back to her mother and father. That was the first time she had ever walked. The people of our town were stirred by the meeting.—H. C. Schaeffer, Pastor, Petersburg Gospel Tabernacle.

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.—The blessing of the Lord rested upon every service of the two-week meeting with the A. R. VanderPloegs. Sixteen or more sought the Lord for salvation, some were baptized with the Holy Ghost, and many were refilled. Over 100 new people attended our church during this meeting. We appreciated the VanderPloegs' music and preaching.—F. J. Lindquist, Pastor, Minneapolis Gospel Tabernacle.

PEORIA, ILL.—Evangelist Lolita Thompson of Springfield, Mo. was with us in September. The attendance was good, and each service was marked by the power and presence of the Lord. Sister Thompson also spoke at the Sectional C. A. Rally on Monday night. Many responded to the call for a deeper consecration to God. Five stepped forward for salvation. Sister Thompson's singing was a great blessing to the church.—H. C. McKinney, Pastor, First Assembly of God.

DAYTON, OHIO—September 25 climaxed one of the greatest meetings in the history of Central Assembly. The meetings were preceded by a daily chain of prayer. We felt the moving of God's Spirit in our midst the first day we started the prayer chain. When Brother Higginbotham arrived three weeks later, he continued the prayer chain, and we witnessed a mighty outpouring of the Holy Ghost every night. People came from other churches to witness the moving of the Holy Spirit.

Night after night people were healed of various ailments. One man with arthritis of the spine was instantly healed and ran around the church rejoicing. Another man was healed of double hernia. One of the ladies of our church who had been suffering for a long time with a serious liver ailment, testified that she was healed. Another lady was saved and healed of water on the lungs. A Baptist lady was healed of deafness. Others were healed of severe headaches, hardening of the arteries, stomach trouble, and sinus. A lady with a cataract on one eye was instantly healed and she could see better with that eye than the other one.

Many people who had never been in a Pentecostal meeting before attended and witnessed the power of God. They said they did not understand all that they saw and heard, but they knew it was God because they could feel His Spirit.

The last night of the meeting the Spirit of God swept over the congregation in wave after wave. The people just sat and praised the Lord. There were three messages in tongues and interpretation. At the close of the meeting my son, David Phillips, said that the last message was in Hebrew and that he understood it, and that the interpretation was perfect.—Irwin W. Phillips, Pastor.

ITHACA, N. Y.—We witnessed one of the greatest spiritual moves ever to come to our church, during the three-week meeting with Evangelists Olive M. and John Kellner. The church was filled every night as people came long distances to hear the inspired preaching and to witness God's healing power. Eighty-seven people came forward to accept Christ as their personal Saviour, and 12 received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. We broke the Sunday School attendance record the first Sunday and we maintained that increase throughout the meeting.

Sister Kellner's ministry in praying for the sick was greatly appreciated. Prayer was offered for a woman who had an eight-pound tumor. After prayer, the lady felt for the tumor and it was gone. Her husband then came for prayer. He had been deaf in his right ear for 61 years, but the Lord instantly opened his ear and he could hear a watch tick.

A woman, paralyzed from a fall off a horse, was reading late one night in bed. She heard the Lord say, "You can walk, my child, go ahead. You can do it." She felt life go into her legs and feet, so she got out of bed and began to walk by herself. She was so happy, she walked for half an hour.

We thank God for the ministry of Brother and Sister Kellner. We are also thankful that God still performs miracles today for all who believe.—Peter Kozak, Pastor, 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.

BUTLER, MO.—Began Oct. 26 with Evangelist A. L. Todd. (Clyde Davis is Pastor.)

ARANSAS PASS, TEX.—Nov. 13-27 with Evangelist Eldon Bryce, Baton Rouge, La. (H. L. Walker is Pastor.)

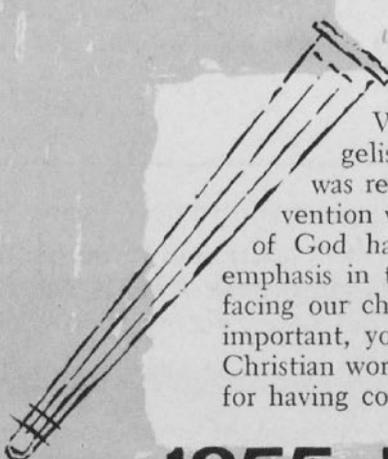
MADRID, IOWA—Nov. 8-22 at Assembly of God; Evangelist Mel Lager, Havre, Mont. (Hugh Stevenson is Pastor.)

CANTON, ILL.—Nov. 15-Dec. 4 at Assembly of God, 255 N. 1st Ave.; Evangelist Walter D. Lascelle, Seattle, Wash. (Willis Akridge is Pastor.)

SEDALIA, MO.—Nov. 15-30 at First Assembly of God, 6th and Summit; Evangelist Christian Hild, Fargo, N. Dak.—by Floyd T. and Mrs. Butenbach, Pastors.

ROCHESTER, N. Y.—Nov. 15-Dec. 4 at Glad Tidings Church, N. Goodman at Ripley Sts.; Evangelist and Mrs. Carl Goodwin, Pomona, Calif.—by Sarah P. Strazzeria, Sunday School Secretary. (William E. Varney is Pastor.)

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More than 350 persons attended the official dedication of the Harrah Assembly of God on Monday, August 15, 1955.

Dwight H. McLaughlin, Northwest District Superintendent, gave the dedicatory address. Assisting in the dedication service were Cornelius Rientjes, pastor of the Harrah Assembly; Carl O. Gunderson of Wapato, Northwest District Presbyter; and the deacons of the church. Many neighboring ministers were present.

Special recognition was given to Gordon Nickell, the architect, and to Brother Jensen who supervised the construction. Acknowledgment was made to Brother and Sister Jensen for the donation of the two acres of ground on which the church is built.

Afternoon services were held at which John Manchester, the first pastor of the church, was the speaker. At 6 p.m. the Christ's Ambassadors heard a sermon from Lawrence Randall. About 175 persons were present for the fellowship dinner.

The new building is constructed of pumice shale blocks. It has 14 Sunday School rooms, two assembly rooms, nursery, pastor's study, and other facilities. The main auditorium is of a rustic type construction with three laminated arches and open ceiling. Furnishings are of red oak. It seats 350.

The building complete with landscaping and sidewalks cost only \$32,000 due to the fact that the members donated much labor and outsiders made personal donations. It has been appraised at \$75,000.

The congregation has also purchased a three-bedroom parsonage adjoining the church.

PENSACOLA, FLA.—Nov. 7-9 at Brownsville Assembly of God; Evangelist R. A. Sherrill, Farmington, Mo.—by Carl A. Arnold, Pastor.

MASON CITY, IOWA—Nov. 15-27; Evangelist and Mrs. Carl W. Oney, Pleasant Hill, Mo. (Allen Ullestad is Pastor.)

BEDFORD, OHIO—Began Oct. 25 at Assembly of God, 14 Ellenwood Ave.; Evangelist Harold May, Saginaw, Mich.—by G. G. Martin, Pastor.

CARMICHAEL, CALIF.—Begins Nov. 1 with Evangelist and Mrs. Thomas Ming Sr., Costa Mesa, Calif. (Virgil Christian is Pastor.)

TULSA, OKLA.—Nov. 8-20 at Bethel Temple, 12th and Boulder, Evangelist John Bostrom, San Gabriel, Calif.—by G. A. Uldin, Pastor.

PHILADELPHIA, PA.—Begins Nov. 15 at Highway Mission Tabernacle, 19th and Green Sts.; Evangelist Stanley P. MacPherson. (W. Howard Robertson is Pastor.)

TORONTO, ONT., CANADA—Began Oct. 25 at Glad Tidings Tabernacle, 833 St. Clair Ave. W.; Evangelists Bertha Mae Blair and Norman Lee Garland of Oklahoma.—by H. R. Pannabecker, Pastor.

BUFFALO, S. DAK.—Nov. 8-20 at Assembly of God; the Tanner Team, Willmar, Minn.—by Eppo Wildeboer, Pastor.

ATWATER, CALIF.—Children's revival at Assembly of God, Nov. 15-20; Evangelists Virgil and Edythe Warens. (Otto Schmidt is Pastor.)

STERLING, KANS.—Begins Nov. 9 at Assembly of God; Evangelists Moses and Ruth Copeland, Holton, Kans.—by Hollie P. Thompson, Pastor.

ROCK FALLS, ILL.—Nov. 9-27 at Assembly of God, 10th Ave. and W. 12th St.; Evangelist and Mrs. Joel Palmer. (H. W. Lutz is Pastor.)

HAMLIN, PA.—Nov. 13-20 at First Pentecostal Church; Evangelist Louise Nankivell, Chicago, Ill.—by George W. Clement, Pastor.

BRIDGEPORT, CONN.—Nov. 1-13 at Bethel Assembly of God; Evangelist W. C. Nelson, Dayton, Ohio. (Gerard J. Flokstra is Pastor.)

NEWARK, DEL.—Nov. 6-13 at Newark Gospel Tabernacle; Byron D. Jones of Ashley, Pa., Bible teacher.—by Arthur E. Hardt, Pastor.

FORT COLLINS, COLO.—Nov. 8-20 at First Assembly of God, Evangelist Dan Fleming, Tulare, Calif.—by L. A. Messick, Pastor.

ELMER, MO.—Nov. 1-20 with Evangelist Fred Paalonen (gospel artist), Ironwood, Mich.—by Abraham Solomon, Pastor.

REGAN, N. DAK.—Nov. 8-20 at Assembly of God; Evangelist H. L. Moody, Minneapolis, Minn. (H. F. Stiles is Pastor.)

LEON, IOWA—Begins Nov. 6 at Assembly of God; Evangelists Jean Lucy and Vera Riley, Russellville, Ark. (George R. Lamb is Pastor.)

YAKIMA, WASH.—Begins Nov. 6 at Mead Avenue Gospel Tabernacle; Evangelist and Mrs. Kenneth Woll and sister, Joyce.—by P. C. Walcher, Pastor.

MERIDIAN, MISS.—Nov. 6-20 at First Assembly of God; Evangelist and Mrs. Leo Walker, Grand Junction, Colo. (R. C. Davis is Pastor.)

WILLOWS, CALIF.—Begins Nov. 8 with Evangelists Bessie L. Fisher and Nell Gaines Cheek, Memphis, Tenn. (Kenneth Bird is Pastor.)

SULLIVAN, MO.—Nov. 13-27 at First Assembly of God; Evangelist Gerald Hager and Party, Springfield, Mo.—by O. H. Virgin, Pastor.

TACOMA, WASH.—Begins Nov. 8 at University Place Assembly of God, 29th and Mountain View; Evangelist J. F. Pepper, Findlay, Ohio.—by Edwin N. Oster, Pastor.

BLUE ROCK, OHIO—Begins Nov. 8 at Stone Station Assembly; Evangelist and Mrs. James O. Johnson, St. Louis, Mo.—by James M. Bryan, Pastor.

WICHITA, KANS.—Nov. 6-20 at Douglas Avenue Assembly of God, 4501 W. Douglas Ave.; Evangelist and Mrs. F. C. Cornell.—by Charles W. Shumway, Pastor.

GREENVILLE, S. C.—Oct. 26-Nov. 13 at First Assembly of God, Morris and Gridley Sts.; Evangelist and Mrs. A. R. Vanderploeg.—by G. E. Gould, Pastor.

OAKLAND, CALIF.—Begins Nov. 1 at Calvary Temple, 6118 E. 14th St.; Evangelist Erla McKinley, Denver, Colo.—by Oliver L. Foth, Pastor.

CAPE GIRARDEAU, MO.—Begins Nov. 1 at Bethel Assembly of God; Evangelist and Mrs. Roland D. Hastie, Springfield, Mo. (Joe Shoults is Pastor.)

RICHMOND, CALIF.—Preaching Convention at Full Gospel Temple, 14th and Bissell Ave., Oct. 30-Nov. 18; Lillian Rahner, Fulton Buntain, and Keetah Jones, guest speakers.—by Donald B. Sheley. (C. Ely Persing is Pastor.)

ARIZONA DISTRICT C. A. CONVENTION at First Assembly of God, 901 N. 11th St., Phoenix, Ariz.; Nov. 9-11. Bob Willis, Texas District C. A. President, speaker.—by Elmer D. Geesey, District C. A. Secretary-Treasurer.

ST. JOSEPH, MO.—United Evangelistic Campaign, Nov. 8-13; Warren Litzman, evangelist. Two services each day; afternoon services in Bethel Temple (J. E. Wilson, Pastor); night services in Evangelistic Temple (C. B. Roberts, Pastor).—by J. E. Wilson.

MONTANA DISTRICT SPEED-THE-LIGHT TOUR—Nov. 11-18; Vernon Mathan, speaker. Special music by the Musical Mathans. Wolf Point, Nov. 11; Conrad, Nov. 14; Whitefish, Nov. 15; Deer Lodge, Nov. 16; Billings, Nov. 17; and Glendive, Nov. 18.—by Paul W. Fenton, District C. A. President.

EVANGELISM CONVENTION

The second national Evangelism Convention will meet in Ellis Auditorium, Memphis, Tenn., Dec. 13-15. For information write Department of Evangelism, 434 W. Pacific St., Springfield 1, Mo.

MISCELLANEOUS

NEW CHURCH—On October 18 we opened a new church in downtown South Bend, Ind. known as Faith Memorial Assembly of God, 602 W. LaSalle at Taylor. We have the former Jewish Bethel Synagogue.—D. A. Edwards, Pastor.

WITH CHRIST

WILLIAM R. GUNN, 74, Wrangell, Alaska, went to be with the Lord August 15, 1955, following an illness of several months. Brother Gunn was ordained in 1934, and he served as a missionary at Wrangell for 18 years.

OTHA E. TIDWELL, 43, Overton, Texas, went to his heavenly reward October 10, 1955. Brother Tidwell was ordained in 1949. At the time of his homegoing he was pastoring the First Assembly of God in Overton.

VERA HOAR SPENCER, 51, St. Louis, Mo. went to be with Jesus October 13, 1955. Sister Spencer was ordained in 1922. She labored as an evangelist and was also associate pastor of Bethel Temple, St. Louis, for a number of years.