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Making Something Out of Nothing

It is remarkable what science can do with the elements God has created. By patient study and experimentation, men have learned to take the materials God has placed in their hands and utilize them to an ever-increasing extent.

Medical science has learned how to prolong life—but not how to create it. Surgeons can restore sight by replacing the cornea of a blind eye with a good one taken from a dead man, but they cannot create a good eye. Inventors can produce valuable hearing aids but cannot cure a person who is stone deaf. Agriculturists can develop bigger and better crops but first they must have seed from which to start. Chemists can combine the elements of matter into many useful forms but they cannot create a single atom. Only God can do that.

The atom is the basic unit of all matter. Previous to 1940, students in chemistry were taught that there were only 92 elements in matter. That is, there were only 92 different kinds of atoms, and everything in nature was said to consist of these 92 elements combined in various forms.

With the advent of nuclear fission, however, a "miracle" has been proclaimed. The hitherto indivisible "atom" has been smashed and new atomic elements have been "created." Or so the scientists claim. If you question them closely, however, they will tell you that actually they have not created anything. They have simply discovered some new elements which, although previously unknown, have existed all along, but which have remained wrapped up in the tiny atom until men learned how to bombard its nucleus with alpha particles from a cyclotron.

In contrast to the limitations of human science, consider the wisdom and power of God. We see His power displayed in creating the universe. The Bible says that He simply spoke the planets into existence. "The worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear" (Hebrews 11:3). In other words, He did not need raw materials with which to manufacture the heavens and the earth. *He made them out of nothing.*

Our Christian faith is based upon this mighty creative power of God. We believe the miracles recorded in the Bible because we know that all things are possible with God. We believe miracles are possible today because God never has changed. The fact is attested by human experience. God answers prayers that could not be answered except by supernatural means. He actually creates a clean heart in the life of the defiled sinner that repents. God does not simply take the elements that are already resident in man's sinful nature and develop these in the direction of Christlikeness. No, He creates a new nature and a righteousness in man's life that was not there before, so that the saved man is actually a new creation.

The same is true of God's healing power. Our mighty Creator is not dependent on the forces of nature to effect a cure. He is not confined to gradual cures, though often He does cause sickness to be cured gradually. When it suits His purpose to perform a miracle He can cure us instantly. He can restore sight instantly to an eye that is totally impotent, or hearing to a person who is stone deaf. He can create new organs in the body, if necessary, to replace organs that are diseased or decayed. He can heal the hardest cases. Thank God, the day of miracles is not past. Miracles of healing are still being performed in the lives of people who will believe the Book and trust the Lord with all their hearts.

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Victors and Victims of Faith

Some triumphed, while others were whipped, stoned, or sawn asunder - - but all have a place in God's "hall of fame."

IN EVERY FIELD OF HUMAN ENDEAVOR, whether in bloody warfare or the more peaceful pursuits of life, there have been those who by their deeds of valor, works of art, or inventive genius, have won for themselves an abiding place in the hearts of men, who delight to perpetuate their memories and glorify their names by the erection of monuments carved from stones or molded in bronze. It is equally true that there are others who have filled just as important places in these respective fields, whose names are unknown, and whose deeds of valor are unsung.

That this is true in the realm of Christian warfare and activity, as well as in the natural sphere of human endeavor, is clearly shown in the eleventh chapter of Hebrews. This chapter has been called the Westminster Abbey of the Bible, but I like to think of it as our own Arlington National Cemetery where rest the remains of our own

by **J. O. SAVELL**

Assistant General Superintendent

great to whose memory we have erected monuments. One of these is the tomb of the "Unknown Soldier."

Of all my studies when I was a country school boy, there was none other quite so interesting and fascinating as my United States History. As an Indian fighter, Daniel Boone was my hero; but no story ever fascinated me more than that of the battle of Quebec, in which the generals on both sides were mortally wounded. After an all-night climb to the summit over a half-hidden path, followed by a fierce battle which raged throughout the following day, General Wolfe, commander of the British forces, lay dying. "The French are running, the French are running," was whispered into the ears of this dying General by his attendants. "I die happy," said he, "because I have lived to see the surrender of

Quebec." Over in the rear of the French forces lay another General, of equal courage and valor, dying from the wounds received in this same battle. "The British have taken the city, and we have been forced to surrender," was the last report to be made to General Montcalm. "Then I die happy, because I shall not live to see the surrender of Quebec." Here is where glory belongs to both victor and victim, and the world has been pleased to erect a monument to perpetuate the memories of both the British and French Generals.

I delight to stroll among the monuments which have been erected to the memories of the old Patriarchs and Prophets described in Heb. 11:4-35, and read the wonderful inscriptions and epitaphs engraved there by the pen of the inspired writer as he was moved by the Holy Ghost.

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DEVANEY PHOTO

by RAYMOND T. RICHEY

DURING THE PAST FIFTY YEARS THERE has been a veritable flood tide of healing which has swept the world, and many thousands of people have been marvelously and miraculously healed of almost every disease and infirmity known to man, in answer to the prayer of faith as promised in James 5:14.

Here, there and everywhere great revivals were characterized by "healing services" in which scores of people were prayed with, and God answered prayer. Today there are those who were blind and now see, those who were deaf and now hear, those who were lame who now leap and walk.

With all this, however, there are other thousands who have been prayed with and who did not receive healing. People everywhere are asking, "Why?"

Many years ago the dear Lord touched and healed my eyes when eye specialists in Chicago had said that in six weeks or two months I would be totally and permanently blind. Brother Arch P. Collins, now gone to be with our Lord, anointed me and prayed for me and God healed, with the promise in my heart and on my lips that I would give

Why Many Are NOT HEALED

Many step out on the promise of God and are made whole but others remain sick. The Bible tells why.

my life to Christ, if He would use it for Himself.

After suffering a complete breakdown during World War I, I was pronounced hopeless with tuberculosis. I was sent to California and put on the rest cure. I had the care of the very best of civilian and army doctors, but they could do nothing for me. Alone in my room, renewing my consecration for service to God and standing on the precious promise of Psalm 103:3, God perfectly and instantly healed me of tuberculosis. I have been preaching the unsearchable riches of Christ since that day, telling the people that Christ not only saves, but heals; that this great salvation is for spirit, soul, and body; that not only was Christ "wounded for our transgressions and bruised for our iniquities," but also that "with his stripes we are healed."

Many believe and receive. Many step out on the promise of God and are made whole, but there are other thousands including some earnest, honest Christians who are prayed with who are not healed. Why?

May I very briefly give you six reasons why people are not healed? If you seek healing for yourself or another, you may find that one or more of these hindrances has kept you from receiving.

First. People are not healed, because they do not believe. Jesus said to the two blind men who came to Him for help, "Believe ye that I am able to do this?" They said unto Him, "Yea Lord." And then He said, "According to your faith, be it unto you." Again we read in Mark 11:24, "What things so ever ye desire when ye pray, believe that ye receive them and ye shall have them."

Second. People are not healed because they lack stability or, as we would commonly express it, "stick-to-it-ive-

ness." We ask and if the answer is not instantly received we are discouraged and look elsewhere for the help we need from God. James gives us a scathing rebuke for this sort of praying in these very significant words: "For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea, driven with the wind and tossed. For let not that man think that he shall receive anything of the Lord." We had far better turn to 1 John 5:14 and read, "And this is the confidence that we have in Him, that, if we ask anything according to His will, He heareth us." Having read that and made sure in our hearts that we have His ear, let us go on to the 15th verse and read, "And if we know that He hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of Him."

Third. Many pray for healing whose hearts are not right toward God. Some have never been born again. Others have grown cold, indifferent, lethargic. Some are disobedient to the known will of God. Hear David as he says: "If I regard iniquity in my heart the Lord will not hear me." Perhaps not open, outward sin, but the hidden thing in the heart. Far better that we be able to say, with John the beloved, "If our heart condemn us not, then have we confidence toward God" (1 John 3:21).

Fourth. There are those (and their number is legion) who will not make a complete and absolute surrender to God. They are willing to do some things, willing to be some things, willing to say some things, willing to go some places, but always there is a holding-back; always there is that reservation; sometimes they are unconscious of it but it is there. Not yet have they come to the place where they can say with the writer of the hymn, "None of self and all of Thee." But friend, hear

Brain Tumor Disappears

Paul as he writes from the depth of his heart to the Romans: "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service."

Fifth. There are those who either cannot or will not *pay the price* for healing. It is the same price you must pay for anything received from God—your all. Like the merchant in the parable told by our precious Lord, when we have found the pearl of great price, we must be willing to sell *all* and purchase this one thing that is of supreme value. A young woman sat in the tabernacle in Houston, Texas, and listened to a glowing testimony from another about her own age on whose face the light and glory of Christ was beaming. Turning to her mother the first young woman said, "Oh, mother, I'd give the world for the joy and the blessing that girl has." The mother replied, "Alice, that is just what it will cost you. You will have to give the world in order to receive *Him*."

Sixth. Many have failed to realize and recognize their bodies as the temples of the Holy Spirit. 1 Cor. 3:16 reads, "Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?" When we realize this tremendous truth we shall be more careful, more reverent in our treatment of these bodies and will trust them more fully in the keeping of Christ, who dwells and reigns within.

Perhaps one or more of the above reasons has kept you from having the healing Christ purchased for you with the stripes He took on His back (Isaiah 53:5; John 19:1). If so, God in His love and grace will give you victory over them, if you ask and believe. If none of these reasons "fit your case," and yet you are not healed after obeying the instructions of James 5:14-16, then search your heart before God and ask Him to show you where the difficulty lies. He is faithful. He will show it to you, and having shown it to you, He will graciously remove it and give you complete and perfect healing for the glory of the name of Christ Jesus.

May I add this one last word—having, so far as is possible, removed every obstacle, obeyed every command, asked with faith, will you not count the work done, since He is faithful who hath promised. Read and stand on Hebrews 4:3—"For we which have believed do enter into *rest*." Let us rest in Him.

For a whole year I have been praising the Lord for my complete healing and promising Him that I would write my testimony so that others might know and believe that God's power is the same yesterday, today, and forever. Had God postponed my healing as long as I have put off writing about it, I tremble to think what would have happened to me. But now I sing, "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and *forget not* all his benefits."

My left eye was out of focus and the eyelid helplessly shut when I entered the hospital. Ten days of extensive tests and X rays revealed the trouble—a two-inch tumor on the pituitary gland located in the forepart of the head. That meant either cutting my head open in a perilous surgical operation, or burning it out with X-ray treatments.

While the doctors conferred on which course to take, my husband sent out a message to all our prayer partners from Pennsylvania to Connecticut. He sent word to me to be ready at ten o'clock on a certain night, for then

the prayer groups would go into action. "The prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up."

Thanks be to God, I felt those prayers instantly, and within a few days the mighty power of God opened my eyelid, brought my left eye back into focus with the other, and destroyed the tumor. After 17 days in the hospital, I was dismissed without any operation or medical treatment.

Ten months later the surgeon requested my return for an X ray and eye examination. After the tests had been made he said that my eyesight was normal and my tumor gone.

God sent Jesus to minister to our every need. I felt His presence with me constantly, and He is eager to help all who will turn to Him. "O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together." — Helen S. Morris, 179-07 Jamaica Ave., Jamaica 32, N. Y.

(*Endorsed by N. S. Farrington, Pastor, Vine Pentecostal Church, Huntington Station, New York.*)

Child Receives Remarkable Healing

Our two-year-old grandson, Jason Charles Reedy, was born with an allergy, and there were very few things he could eat. He also developed an asthmatic condition. Fluid collected in his lungs, so that he almost strangled. He was in a very serious condition, and was getting worse all the time. We were up all hours of the night trying to help him. We were giving him two kinds of medicine, but still he smothered.

Then Evangelist Al Reid held a series of tent meetings in Shreveport, and we took Jason to be prayed for. Thank God, he was completely delivered from both the allergy and the asthma. We do not have to be up with him at night or give him any medicine. He can eat anything he wants and it does not

bother him at all. We give God the glory for this healing.—A. L. Barnette, 1343 McNeil Street, Shreveport, La.

(*Endorsed by C. R. Nunley, Pastor, Calvary Assembly of God, Shreveport, La.*)

Health Restored

Last December, close to Christmas, I was healed after a serious illness which lasted 2½ months. My heart was in bad shape, and I also had kidney stones.

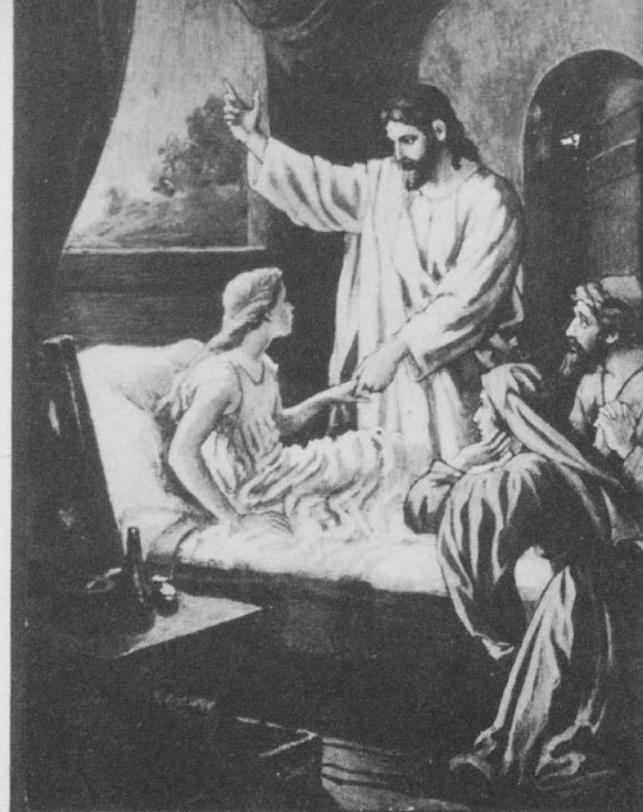
I was sent home twice from the hospital without any relief, since an operation for kidney stones was made impossible by my heart condition. I praise God for the prayers of Brother and Sister Balius and the whole church for the healing of my body. Now I am completely well. — Mrs. Maude Hanshew, Rt. 2, Sikeston, Mo.

(*Endorsed by S. H. Balius, Pastor, First Assembly, Brookhaven, Miss.*)

"Faith, mighty faith, the promise sees,
And looks to God alone:
Laughs at impossibilities
And cries, 'It shall be done.'"

faith in Jesus - your healer

by Andrew Murray



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AND STRAIGHTWAY THE FATHER of the child cried out and said with tears, Lord, I believe, help thou mine unbelief" (Mark 9:24).

These words have been a help and strength to thousands of souls in pursuit of salvation and the gifts of God. Notice that it is in relation to an afflicted child that they were pronounced, in the fight of faith when seeking healing from the Lord Jesus. In them we see that in one and the same soul there can arise a struggle between faith and unbelief, and that it is not without a struggle that we come to believe in Jesus, and in His all-power to heal the sick. In this we find the needful encouragement for realizing the Saviour's power.

I speak here especially to sufferers who do not doubt the power or will of the Lord Jesus to heal in this day without the use of earthly remedies, but who lack the boldness to accept healing for themselves. They believe in the divine power of Christ; they believe in a general manner His good will to heal; they have acquired, either by the Scriptures, or by facts of healing by the Lord alone which have taken place in our day, the intellectual persuasion that the Lord can help even them, but they shrink back from accepting healing, and from saying with faith, "The Lord has heard me, I know that He is healing me."

Take notice, first, that without faith no one can be healed. When the father of the afflicted child said to Jesus, "If

thou canst do anything, have compassion on us, and help us," Jesus replied: "If thou canst believe." Jesus had the power to heal and He was ready to do it, but He put the responsibility on them. "If thou canst believe." "All things are possible to him that believeth."

In order to obtain your healing from Jesus, it is not enough to pray. Prayer without faith is powerless. It is the "prayer of faith" which saves the sick (James 5:15). If you have already asked it for yourself, you must, before you are conscious of any change, be able to say with faith, "On the authority of God's Word I have the assurance that He hears me and that I shall be healed." To have faith means in your case to surrender your body absolutely into the Lord's hands, and to leave yourself entirely with Him.

Faith receives healing as a spiritual grace which proceeds from the Lord even while there is no conscious change in the body. Faith can glorify God and say, "Bless the Lord, O my soul . . . who healeth all thy diseases" (Psalm 103:1-3). The Lord requires this faith that He may heal.

But how is such faith to be obtained? Tell your God the unbelief you find in your heart, and count on Him for deliverance from it. Faith is not money with which your healing can be purchased from the Lord. It is He who desires to awaken and develop in you the necessary faith.

"Help my unbelief," cried the father

of the child. It was his ardent desire that his faith should not come short. Confess to the Lord all the difficulty you have to believe Him on the ground of His Word; tell Him you bring it to Him with a will to hearken only to His Word. Do not lose time in deploring your unbelief, but look to Jesus. The light of His countenance will enable you to find the power to believe in Him (Psalm 44:3). He calls on you to trust in Him.

Say to Him, "Lord, I am still aware of the unbelief that is in me. I find it difficult to believe that I am sure of my healing because I possess Him who works it, and, nevertheless, I want to conquer this unbelief. Thou, Lord, wilt give me the victory. I desire to believe; I will believe; by Thy grace I dare to say I can believe. Yes, Lord, I believe, for Thou comest to help my unbelief." It is when we are in intimate communion with the Lord, and when our heart responds to His, that unbelief is overcome and conquered.

It is needful also to testify to the faith one has. Be resolved to believe, above all, that which He is. Lean wholly upon His promises. "I am the Lord that healeth thee" (Ex. 15:26). Look to Jesus, who "bare our sickness" (Matt. 8:17) and who healed all who came to Him. Count on the Holy Spirit to manifest in your heart the presence of Jesus, who is also now in heaven, and to work also in your body the power of His grace. Praise the Lord without waiting to feel better,

Delivered From Arthritis

It is truly wonderful what the Lord has done for me. He has saved me and healed me of an incurable infectious arthritic condition which started after I had scarlet fever thirty years ago.

Instead of seeking God at that time, I sought only physicians. I had the best medical aid that doctors could give and was constantly taking medicines. But instead of getting better I gradually grew worse. I had three operations which did not bring relief, and finally my entire nervous system collapsed.

One morning while I lay in a coma, helpless and dying, the Lord spoke to me, saying, "Thou shalt recover." I started a rapid recovery, but I didn't give God the praise and lost my health again. The arthritis came back worse, and once again I sought earthly physicians. After another major operation I reached such a state of mind that I could not relax day or night. I began to lose faith in everything.

Then shock treatments were recommended, and I was placed in a State hospital. Pastors Don Miller and Jacob Stroh and the members of the Buffalo Lake Assembly of God as well as many other people, prayed for recovery and my release from the hospital.

Again the Lord spoke to me and

showed me that I would be returned home, where He would heal me. Ten days later they let me go home. My friends were amazed at my quick return, and I give God all the praise.

But there was still a battle left to win, for this disease was still raging to destroy me. Then Pastor and Mrs. Hagemeister of the New Ulm Assembly of God anointed me with oil and prayed according to James 5:14. After that I gave up my medicine and let the Lord have His way in my life. In March 1955 the Lord wonderfully answered prayer and healed me completely from the arthritis, which the doctors had termed incurable.

I give God all the praise from the bottom of my heart. I am very thankful that there are still churches that will preach the Full Gospel, as it is recorded in the Bible.—Mrs. Lloyd Carlson, New Ulm, Minn.

(Endorsed by Pastor H. L. Hagemeister, New Ulm, Minn.)

Healed of Severe Hernia

Seven years ago, when my son William was five years old, he was taken with a severe cramping in the abdomen. Upon consulting a doctor, we found that he had a severe hernia. We had him fitted with a truss at once, and began the long process of daily care required in such a case. But he was a healthy, normal boy in other ways, and it was hard to keep him from doing things which were harmful for him. Consequently, he was still not healing well after nine months' time.

I prayed constantly for William, but seemed to get nowhere. One Friday night I took him up in a healing line where my pastor and wife (Mr. and Mrs. B. Owen Oslin) were praying for the sick.

The next Sunday night my boy's truss broke and I had to take him to have it repaired. As usual, the specialist examined the boy's side, to see if it

were healing. As he felt his side, he looked puzzled, and said, "You know, I can't find a rupture on this child." Of course, I immediately knew that the Lord had healed him and lost no time in saying so, much to the man's astonishment and unbelief. He said that the rupture had been a severe one, although he hadn't wanted to worry me unnecessarily. But in my weakness, I let him talk me into having the boy wear a truss until we were sure.

After a few months Bill was taken ill, and I called Brother Oslin to pray. Soon after he had prayed, the boy got up. The Lord showed me that I must leave his truss off, that he didn't need it any longer, and that if I would only endeavor to help him live close to the Lord He would keep him safe and well. From that day to this I have praised God, for I know He laid His divine hand of healing on my boy that Friday night. He is now a healthy, active boy without any sign of the former trouble. Praise God for sweet deliverance.—Mrs. Mildred Gillilan, Fort Smith, Ark.

(Endorsed by B. Owen Oslin, Pastor, First Assembly of God, Fort Smith, Ark.)

Infected Ankle Healed

Our son Mike was prayed for on the last night of the revival meetings conducted in Rochester Assembly by Evangelist and Mrs. Peter Dahlberg. He had suffered a third-degree burn on his left foot. When it was almost well, proud flesh grew into a small area, and the ankle bone became infected. The doctor said he would probably have to operate on Mike's foot and scrape the ankle bone.

On Sunday night, June 3, 1956, when our son was prayed for we definitely felt that God had healed his foot. And when we took him to the doctor on Monday morning the whole staff was amazed. They didn't even see the need for a bandage on the area. There wasn't an open sore of any kind, just the red scar where the sore had been. Praise God! It is really wonderful! We give the Lord all the glory, and so does Mike.—Mr. and Mrs. Donald Styck, Rochester, Ind.

(Endorsed by Mrs. Elsie Hershman, Pastor, Assembly of God, Rochester, Ind.)

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or to have more faith. Praise Him, and say with David, "O Lord, my God, I cried unto Thee, and Thou hast healed me" (Ps. 32:2).

"The prayer of faith shall save the sick." The divine healing is a spiritual grace which can only be received spiritually and by faith, before feeling its effect on the body. Accept it then, and give glory to God. When the Lord Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the child, he rent him sore so that he was as one dead, inasmuch that many said, "He is dead." If, therefore, your sickness does not yield at once, if Satan and your unbelief attempt to get the upper hand, do not heed them. Cling closely to Jesus your Healer, and He will surely heal you. ◀◀



THIS PRESENT WORLD . . . NEWS AND NOTES ON OUR TIMES

Christian Booksellers Meet

More than 1,000 delegates from all parts of the U. S. and Canada attended the seventh annual convention of the Christian Booksellers Association in Chicago recently.

No Released Time in Massillon, Ohio

The Board of Education in Massillon, Ohio, rejected a joint request from the Massillon Ministers' Association and the United Church Women for a released-time religious instruction program for fourth-grade pupils in the public schools. Eighteen local churches favored the plan and were prepared to finance it, but the Board of Education decided it was not constitutional.

Traffic Violators May Face Church Penalties Too

Roman Catholic offenders in traffic accidents may soon be penalized by their church as well as by their state, reports *Newsweek*. The magazine quoted a Vatican publication as saying that church authorities are considering a system of ecclesiastical punishments ranging up to personal interdiction (virtual excommunication) for the crime of manslaughter.

Jaycees Launch "Go-to-Church" Campaign

A two-month campaign to "get parents to take their kids to church instead of sending them to it" was launched at Grand Prairie, Texas, by the local Jaycees (Junior Chamber of Commerce). Jack Hubbard, Jaycee official, said that special awards will be given to churches that get the highest percentage of members out to worship services, and prizes will be given to youngsters with the best Sunday School attendance records.

Says Graham Crusade Will Bring "Spirit Awakening"

Dr. John Sutherland Bonnell, minister of the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church in New York City, predicts that Billy Graham's eight-week mission in the metropolis scheduled to begin next May, will inspire and reactivate "thousands of church members" and win people "who never darken the doors of churches."

Some liberal theologians have strongly criticized the meetings—and Billy Graham. But Dr. Bonnell deplors this "expressed hostility or critical coldness on the part of some Christians." He described Graham as a "man raised up and equipped of God to bring the gospel of Christ to this bewildered, frustrated, and lost generation."

Dr. Bonnell had some statistics in his favor. He pointed out that the 64 churches in the New York Presbytery had a net increase of only 52 members during the past year. He cited this fact as evidence of "our need of a spiritual awakening."

9,000 Jehovah Witnesses in Slave Labor Camps

Officials of the Jehovah's Witnesses have announced that more than 9,000 members of their sect are being held in Soviet slave labor camps. Groups of the sect are petitioning Soviet leaders to liberate these people.

Russian Baptists Have New Hymnal

A radio report from Moscow, heard in London, says that the Council of Evangelical Christians (Baptists) in the USSR has published a hymnal containing 580 Baptist hymns. The station added that "many other Baptist books will be published shortly."

Milk Subsidies Include Church Care Centers

The U. S. Department of Agriculture has announced that orphanages, summer camps, and similar institutions for child care operated by religious or nonprofit groups are eligible to participate in its Special Milk Program. This provides government subsidy for milk served in excess of one-half pint a day to each child.

Two Missionaries Arrested in Colombia

Two women missionaries were arrested on Sunday, July 15, by Colombian police on trumped-up charges of Communism. The missionaries are Miss Ida Danielson, 82, from Hendricks, Minnesota, and Miss Dorothy Hagerman, of Three Rivers, Michigan. They are affiliated with the Gospel Missionary Union. Miss Danielson has been a missionary in Colombia for thirty years.

This is not the first time they have had trouble. Their home has been bombed on three different occasions in recent months, and three times shots have been fired into the home of the missionary ladies.

At about 2:30 on Sunday afternoon four policemen arrived at the missionaries' residence requesting permission to search the place. After searching desks and bookcases, one of the policemen went into a room where supplies of Bibles, New Testaments, hymnbooks, and Sunday School materials were kept. He reappeared with some papers which the missionaries had never seen before. The police claimed that the papers were Communistic literature and marched the two ladies off to the mayor. Later they were returned home under police escort and placed under house arrest. Then they were taken to another city and kept in the police barracks for two nights. The ladies were released after the American vice-consul arrived to investigate the matter.

This action, part of a campaign to force Protestant missionaries out of the country by linking them with Communism, is but one of many incidents of violence and persecution experienced by missionaries and native Christians in that Roman Catholic country.

Greek Church says "No" to Greek-Vatican Diplomats

The Holy Synod of the Orthodox Church in Greece took an official stand against the establishment of diplomatic relations between Greece and the Vatican.

Southern Baptists Seek to Aid Delinquents

The Columbus Baptist Association has begun a program to help juvenile delinquents at Columbus, Georgia, find a solution to their problems. The program will be conducted jointly by the association and the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board.

R. C. Johnson, director of the program, will attend sessions of Juvenile Court to obtain first-hand information about boys and girls who are in trouble. He will watch especially for those with a Baptist background and those with no church affiliation. Each time he finds such a case, he will obtain a counselor for the delinquent youth from one of the local Baptist churches. This counselor will work with the youth and his family; he will seek to enlist them in church activities and to rehabilitate the child.

Gideon Bible Distributions Hit More Snags

It's not easy to give away a Bible to a person who wants one nowadays—especially if that person is a boy or girl in public school.

A case in point is Haverford, Pennsylvania. School officials had decided to accept an offer of Gideon Bibles and New Testaments. The Bibles were for the classrooms; the New Testaments were to be placed by the Gideons on a table in the principal's office where students who wanted them could pick them up.

But the American Civil Liberties Union didn't like the idea. Final result: Pennsylvania Deputy Attorney General Elmer T. Bolla ruled that distribution of Gideon Bibles in public schools violated the state and local constitutions.

Down in Miami, Florida, officials of the American Jewish Committee's local chapter said they may seek a court ruling on the Dade County School board's recent decision to permit distribution of Gideon Bibles to seventh grade pupils. The school board's attorney had sanely ruled that such distribution does not violate any constitutional provision against sectarianism and does not "illegally interfere with religious freedom."

New Cult Flourishing in Northern Rhodesia

Missionaries in Northern Rhodesia are faced with the growing popularity of a new cult sponsored by a 32-year-old native woman who claims to have direct connection with God. She is Leshina Mulenga, dubbed by missionaries as "Alice." In twelve months, 60,000 natives have listened to and been baptized by her.

Alice claims that God speaks to her during a strange whistling. Missionaries who have watched her activities say she merely steps behind a tree and blows a small instrument. The natives—ordered to bow their heads and keep their eyes closed—are duly impressed. When a nearby Presbyterian Mission refused her permission to preach in its church, she began attacking the New Testament, calling it a "deserted village, a hollow shell."

Alice says that God told her there are two books: one for the whites and one for the blacks, and she says the black book is the right one. Of great concern to the missionaries is the possibility that the Cult of Alice may be taken over by the anti-white elements of Africa.

Clergy Complain, "Too Much Paper Work"

The principal complaint of today's urban clergyman is that he has to spend too much time on things he considers irksome and unimportant. Among these are "paper work," "running the mimeograph machine," "attending too many purposeless meetings," and "dealing with demanding people." The report, product of a survey of 1,500 ministers of 22 denominations, also said, "Today's minister considers that he was trained to be a preacher and pastor. These are the roles he likes best."

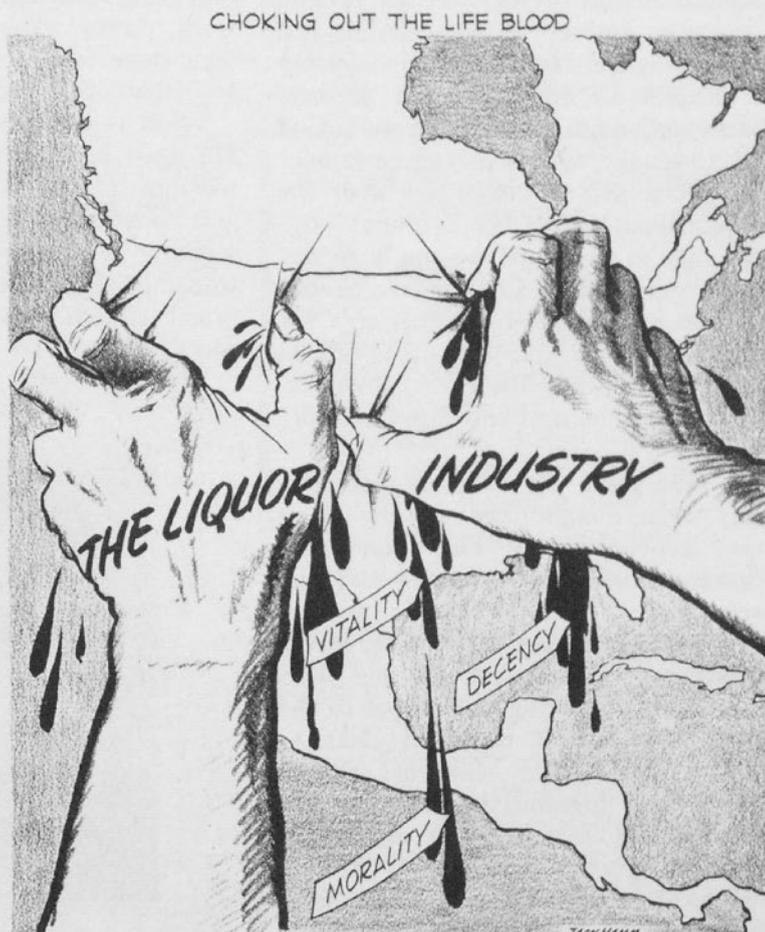
Liquor Consumption Up in Sweden

Last October, Sweden's strict rationing law on the sale of liquor was repealed. Figures released six months after the repeal show liquor consumption up 35 per cent; arrests for drunkenness up 50 per cent.

Biggest increase in drinking was among the 18- to 25-year-olds—they were not eligible for liquor ratios under the old law. Arrests for drunkenness among these young people soared by 120 per cent!

Congressional Inaction Defeats Temperance Measures

Church and temperance leaders have expressed keen disappointment over the fact that the 84th Congress dropped two measures which would have helped to stop the flow of liquor in our country. One was a bill which would have banned alcoholic beverage advertising from radio, television, and magazines in inter-state commerce. The other was a bill designed to stop the sale of intoxicants on commercial airlines. The Senate Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee failed to report the measures to the floor before Congress adjourned, so the legislation died. Supporters of the measures said, however, that they would try again next year to get Congressional action on these measures.





A New Door Is Open in **SENEGAL**

Fourteenth field in Africa now open
to the Assemblies of God

A NEW FIELD HAS OPENED TO THE Assemblies of God—one that we must enter immediately!

At long last the bolts have been drawn and the way is opened for the Assemblies of God to enter Senegal, in the French-speaking section of West Africa. Not opened without reservations, mind you, but if we fulfill the conditions set down, the country is a ripe field for our Full Gospel ministry.

Senegal stretches for hundreds of miles from the Sudan to the Atlantic. Its four million people are, for the most part, completely unevangelized.

Importunity is a word fraught with meaning for God's servants. It speaks of patience and persistence that refuses a negative answer; it speaks of a zeal wrought by the Holy Ghost that pushes on despite all adversities; it conveys the thought of a faith that knows God will undertake when every circumstance and every person connected with the project shouts, "It can't be done!" Importunity is the word we apply to our pioneer missionary, Charles Greenaway, who has had a burden for this area for a number of years, and who has prayed and waited outside the closed door, refusing to give up, knowing it would open.

A God-given vision does not pass away even though the realizing of it may seem remote. The intervening period enables one to make spiritual preparations. While God is arranging the circumstances, His worker learns lessons in readiness for the big task. The vision of getting the gospel to the people of Senegal remained clear to Brother Greenaway. God has chosen one of *our* missionaries for the important task, and He has chosen *us* to enable His servant to obey the call.

Several years have passed since Brother Greenaway first appealed to the

French administration for permission to enter Senegal. Another Protestant Mission has had priority in the area. Though their work was quite limited and the results negligible, the government gave them exclusive rights to evangelize the area. This was the biggest obstacle to overcome. But God is able—and prayer has been answered.

When Brother Greenaway was called to Dakar to see the High Commissioner of French West Africa and the governor of Senegal, he was very kindly received. These officials gave permission to enter the field with the condition that a good showing be made within two years. What is accomplished in that time will determine the future of our work there. The officials expressed their hope for the success of our work and that it might help their people.

What is the task of our missionary? He must build a home and a place of worship (from nothing, as it were), and commence the tremendous task of winning a strange people to Christ, teaching them and establishing a national church. God has said, "Go!" Surely He will see the work through!

We are highly privileged that the

door has swung open to the Assemblies of God. It is our responsibility to carry out the mission, and we have less than two years to do it. Senegal must be opened up quickly and forcefully right away. It requires interest on the part of all of us. Only prayer will defeat the power of the enemy which is bound to be hurled against this effectual door. Money will be needed immediately to make an effective start in the work.

Visualize, if you will, the vast area with its four million people having various religions from fetishism to Mohammedanism—all without Christ! There are the nomads of the desert and the 30,000 white people in Dakar, besides the hundreds of thousands of Africans from all parts of French West Africa who come and go. Now they can all be reached by our missionary efforts. How much Christ is needed in this gateway to West Africa. We *must* give these people a chance to hear the way of salvation.

You, as a part of the Assemblies of God, have a share in this opportunity. As never before this Holy Ghost movement is marching on its conquering path for the Saviour. Another territory is being entered. You are a part of the victorious army as you pray earnestly for Senegal and give of your means that we might establish and carry on the occupation of this new field for Christ. Send your offerings to Noel Perkin, 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield, Missouri, designated "Senegal—French West Africa."



Charles Greenaway

Send Foreign Missionary offerings to
NOEL PERKIN, SECRETARY
FOREIGN MISSIONS
DEPARTMENT
434 W. Pacific St., Springfield 1, Mo.

Tsotsis attempt to

SLAY NATIVE EVANGELIST

WE HAVE BEEN THRILLED AT THE accounts reaching us from Africa of the way God has been using two native evangelists, Phillip Molefe and Nicholas Bhengu. Their meetings have been singularly blessed of the Lord and the after results of the meetings have been most gratifying.

Now we hear of the stirring of Satan's host against these servants of God. The tsotsis (native juvenile delinquents) have been active in riots and disturbances over a bus boycott. Thinking the evangelistic effort had something to do with the bus boycott, the tsotsis turned their attention to it. Because these native ministers had led many gangsters to the Lord, the anger of these rioters was turned on them.

We quote from an article in the *Johannesburg Star*:

"Tsotsis, native juvenile delinquents, have won the first round in their efforts to break up a religious campaign organized by the Church of the Assembly of God at Evaton location.

"A minister of the church, the Rev. Vernon Pettenger, said today that insti-

gators of the trouble believed that the religious campaign had something to do with trying to fight the months-old bus boycott.

"'But,' he said, 'we have no interest in the bus boycott or in politics.'

"The campaign started last week and at the second service a gang of 'tsotsis' arrived at the location with sacks of stones.

"They whistled and shouted and threw stones on top of the corrugated roof while the service was in progress. But the service continued.

"Then some natives went to the back of the church, and through a piece of open canvas somebody poured petrol over the native minister, the Rev. Phillip Molefe. Then they tried to set him on fire.

"When this failed, members of the gang entered with guns and started shooting at the minister.

"But Mr. Molefe remained where he was and advised the people to pray.

"In all, nine shots were fired. Two choir girls were injured and taken to the hospital.

"Despite this, Mr. Pettenger said the campaign would go on; but when several people were later molested and threats made to burn down their homes, it was decided to call off the campaign for the time being.

"A missionary, Mr. Nicholas B. H. Bhengu—known as the Black Man's Billy Graham—was to have come from Durban to help with the campaign, but a telegram was sent to him advising him to remain where he was for the time being."

Brother Pettenger stated in a letter that the episode was not taken as a defeat but rather as a challenge. Before the tabernacle with its iron roof was taken down and moved for safekeeping, the meetings were held through the week with great results. Mr. Pettenger reported that 250 souls were dealt with at the altar.

Pray for the safeguarding of the Christians of this area. Pray also that the amount still owing on the portable tabernacle will be paid off. The brethren plan to use the tabernacle in the next campaign.

MISSIONARY News Notes

ON FURLOUGH

The following missionaries are now in the U.S. on furlough:

Victorine Cheek and Dorothy Whitner from Israel. Their address at present is 103 Auburndale St., Memphis, Tenn.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph C. Cobb from Nigeria. They are staying at 4527 Mono Street, Fresno, California.

Mrs. James King and the two children from Liberia. They can be reached c/o C. Sannes, West Star Route, Two Harbors, Minnesota.

Maurice F. Petersen from Upper Volta, French West Africa. He proceeded to Spokane, Washington to join his family which returned home several months ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph I. Brown from Egypt. They can be reached at 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield, Missouri.

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Hurst from Nyasaland, East Africa. Their address is Box 884, Aberdeen, South Dakota.

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Debbie Sue arrived on July 16th in the home of Paul and Daisy Goodwin in Jamaica.



Hilda Reffke Roman, who returned to Cuba on August 10

NO MORE USED CLOTHING TO LIBERIA

The Liberian Government has passed a law forbidding the importing of used clothing to the country. This regulation is being rigidly enforced.

This means it is now impossible to send used clothing to missionaries, to the lepers at New Hope Town, or to anyone else in Liberia.

Word has been received from India telling of the safe arrival of Sophie Erhardt.

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Grace Elkington went home to be with the Lord at the age of 80 years. She was a missionary from England, having worked in India for 44 years in close co-operation with our Assemblies of God missionaries.

Supernatural Healing



An Address by OSWALD ORLIEN of Norway

at the World Conference of
Pentecostal Churches, Stockholm, Sweden

THE THEME WHICH HAS BEEN GIVEN to me is: "The Pentecostal Revival and Supernatural Healing." I am glad that the Bible deals with all that concerns men, and it has much to say about sickness and healing. It is interesting to go to this Book and study this theme.

Natural healing, in which medical science is interested, is healing in harmony with the laws of nature, the natural properties which are to be found in the human body. But who made the laws of nature? It is God that made them. Let us read some verses from Psalm 139:

"I will praise Thee, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; marvellous are Thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well. "My substance was not hid from Thee, when I was made in secret, and curiously wrought in the lowest parts of the earth. Thine eyes did see my substance, being yet unperfect; and in Thy Book all my members were written, which in continuance were fashioned, when as yet there was none of them."

The human body has been compounded in a marvelous way. As a doctor, I have studied a great deal the composition and the functions of the body, and many a time have I said to myself: "Oh, what a God is mine! It is He that created me."

I call to mind a remark by a Professor of medicine at Oslo—he was Princess Martha's personal physician. He was giving a broadcast talk in which he was speaking about the blood; and he said: "It must have been a problem for the Creator to find a fluid which is liquid in our veins, but so readily congeals."

So far as the blood is concerned, no man of science has yet discovered its complete composition, so we do not yet know all the natural qualities to be found in our bodies. So, when a so-called natural healing takes place, there is much of the Divine that comes into play. The doctors say that it is nature that has done it; we say it is God who has done it. There is an old Latin tag that holds good today: "The doctors treat, but God heals."

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But my theme today is not natural healing, but supernatural—what God does is not unnatural, it is supernatural. And we Pentecostal folk are interested in the supernatural. We believe that God will do the same for us today as He did for the early Christians. But I also want to say here today that I am no supporter of one-sidedness and extravagances. There are people who want to cleave one-sidedly to natural healing. That is a one-sided position. They keep to the purely natural, and think that healing has to do only with the processes of anatomy, physiology and biology. But a man is not only physiology and anatomy; man has a soul and a spirit. Man's soul is what makes him a man. Our theme today has to do not only with the body, it also touches the soul. We all know the intimate relationship between soul and body. There are laws governing the relationship between body and soul, so it is not quite so simple.

The opposite one-sidedness is when we want to have supernatural healing only, and not the natural. But the fact

is that we have a great deal to do with the natural, whether we will or no. We need human help. Therefore we combine the two. We believe in Divine healing, but we do not reject human aid, for we believe the medical science is a gift of God.

Suppose we put a question, "What is health?" We use a lot of words, but it is by no means certain that we can come to a clear definition of what health really is. What does it mean to be completely well?

In the World Health Organization (W.H.O.) belonging to the United Nations, the world "health" is defined as follows:

"Health is a condition of complete bodily, mental and social well-being, and not simply the absence of sickness or defects." Accordingly, to be sound and well means not having any sickness, or any defects either—not so much as a decayed tooth in the mouth. That is the negative side, what we are not to have. But it also says what we are to have in order to be healthy and well: "a condition of perfection"—these are strong words—bodily, mental and social well-being. It is not enough to possess relative soundness, so perhaps none of us is a hundred per cent fit.

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One thing that characterizes the Pentecostal Movement is that we regard the Bible as an absolutely perfect authority. We desire to bow down to the Word of God—and not only so, but we

desire to experience the Word of God. It is a characteristic of the Pentecostal Movement that we believe in miracles.

Christianity is a religion of miracle. If you take away all miracle, there is nothing left in Christianity. We believe that God works miracles in our inner being, but we also believe that God works miracles in our body. We believe that Jesus has the power to perform miracles. It is the atoning work of Jesus Christ at Calvary that is our center. And when we are baptized in the Holy Spirit we go back to Calvary, and draw from the fountains of the Atonement. We read in Isaiah that Jesus took our sicknesses upon Himself, and that by His stripes we are healed. And we want to keep close to Calvary. We can draw from this fountain, and experience more of the Divine healing for our bodies.

Now, I do not think it is right to put sin and sickness on the same level. It is true that when sin entered into the world, sickness entered too. But it is sin that separates us from God. We cannot have sin and have fellowship with God, but we can have sickness in our bodies and still have fellowship with God. It is sin that is the cause of separation from God. It is not only people who are well that will go to heaven when Jesus comes, but He will also take the sick people who believe in Him. And the man who is saved, who had not experienced perfect health in his body here on earth, will yet one day receive a body like unto His glorious body, and on that day the W.H.O. definition will be completely satisfied. But so long as we are here upon earth, we have the promises to hold on to that we have in the Bible, and that tell us that we can experience Divine healing.

I believe that God is willing to do

much more in this respect than He is doing; but I also believe that we need to attain to a certain spiritual level. The nearer we come to Jesus, and the more we believe in Him, the more we shall be able to tap the spiritual power and claim our rights in the atonement of Jesus Christ.

There are many wonderful healings taking place, and we praise God for them. But we are convinced that God is willing to do more for us, to confirm His word with signs following, as in the beginning. And I believe that the condition is that we surrender ourselves to God, so as to receive a fuller spiritual equipment, in order that we may do the works the Lord wishes us to accomplish.

We read in the Bible of the early Christians, that many wonders took place among them. And in the Epistle to the Corinthians we read that special gifts are provided for healing, which we desire to have in the Pentecostal Revival. We want to have these spiritual gifts in full measure. But we also read in the Epistle of James that the elders in the Assembly (there is no mention of such as have spiritual gifts) have a spiritual service in the church. They are to anoint the sick with oil and pray for them, and the prayer of faith shall save the sick.

And you, who are not an elder, but feel all the same that you want to help the sick in this way, have been given the word in Mark 16, where it says that "these signs shall follow them that believe." Here it is not confined to those that have spiritual gifts, nor is it confined to the elders, but it is for them that believe. He that believes shall lay his hands on the sick, and they shall recover.

I am glad that Divine, supernatural healing does not follow some definite scheme. God is so rich. He is so many-sided—and we want God to come in the way that only He can.

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I have been sick myself, and unfortunately have landed in the hospital and had to seek for medical assistance. But when I was at the hospital God met with me. I remember that I had a letter from Brother Pethrus at that time, and he wrote to me: "We are praying for you all over Sweden." They were praying for me in Oslo and all over Norway.

Late one evening at the hospital I had a wonderful experience. I saw Calvary; I saw the cross before me, and I began to sing that wonderful hymn, "when I again Thy cross behold, a stream of grace to me is outpoured." I felt a current go through my whole being. God met with me. From that moment the sickness took a turn, and the improvement began.

The next morning my wife came to visit me, and I told her that I had had a glorious experience.

"When was that?" she said.

"At half-past nine yesterday evening," I said.

"God met with me too at that time at home," she said.

Then Brother Heggelund came from Bergen to visit me and I told him how God had met with me.

"When was it?"

I told him the day and the hour.

"Yes," he said; "that was when we were praying for you in the Assembly in Bergen."

Oh, it is wonderful, friends; this simple faith in God.



Upon the Altar

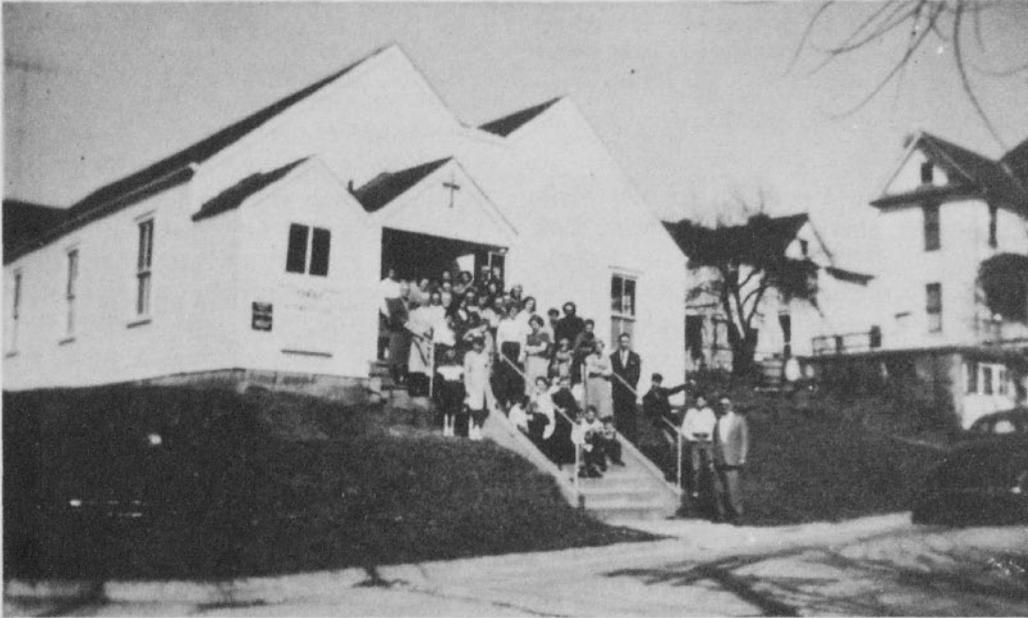
*Upon the altar of the soul
There burns a fire.
Its flame leaps high,
Rekindled with desire
To see men saved,
Behold God's mighty power,
Ere time's swift clock
Shall strike the midnight
hour.
Its heat fans greater urge to pray,
Lest dying embers cool
The vision for one day;*

*Lest faith become but ashes
Cold and dead,
Each flickering blaze
With earnest prayer is fed;
Until great logs of faith
Will catch the flame,
And living coals,
Not ashes will remain,
To touch afresh the lips
To cry, "O Lord, send me,"
To touch the eyes,
A needy world to see.*

—Eldora E. Taylor

Advancing With the Gospel in the Appalachian District

—by W. GLENN WEST
District Superintendent



First Assembly of God in Parkersburg, West Virginia

FOUR YEARS AGO THERE WERE FORTY Assemblies of God churches in the Appalachian District, which takes in the western part of Virginia and West Virginia. God has blessed the ministry of His Word so that at the present time there are sixty-six, not counting several cities and towns entered this summer.

The new churches mentioned below are not all that have been started, but they present a good cross section of the Home Missions work in our district.

THEY STARTED IN A STORE BUILDING

BUCHANAN, VIRGINIA

Mr. and Mrs. Giles Elliott resigned their pastorate at Salem, Virginia, and obeyed God's call to launch out into another pioneer effort. They found an empty store building in Buchanan and rented it. After four weeks of meetings, twenty souls were saved, and a church was begun. The attendance at the first Sunday School session was

twenty-six, and the school now averages around fifty. A lot has been purchased on which to build a new church.

CHARLESTON, WEST VIRGINIA

The Assembly in Charleston was started in a small store building. Harold Burris came to the congregation. During his ministry there a church and parsonage were purchased at the corner of Seventh and Iowa Streets. The small congregation moved in. There were days of sacrifice, but the church grew steadily. C. R. McKeel pastored the church for a year, and then Mr. and Mrs. Robert Harris took charge. The church has recently enjoyed a real revival, and the Sunday School has averaged 135.

PARKERSBURG, WEST VIRGINIA

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Caetta went to Parkersburg about four years ago and began services in a store building. Later the church was purchased. After about a year the Caettas resigned and Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Douglas assumed

the pastorate. The church is located at 15th and Oak Streets.

The South Side Assembly of God, also in Parkersburg, is another new church started a few months ago by the Caettas. The Sunday School is already averaging about thirty.

IN A SMALL SCHOOL HOUSE

NEW CASTLE, VIRGINIA

Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Elliott began this work in a small schoolhouse. After conducting services there for some time, Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Dyer came and conducted a tent revival during the summer. A lot was located and a 32-by-50-foot church building was constructed with the help of the District and the Home Missions Department at Springfield. The church was dedicated in May, 1954. The building is valued at \$8,000 with only \$2,500 indebtedness at present. Max McCloud is the present pastor, and the Sunday School is averaging fifty-three.



New Assembly started in a store building in Buchanan, Virginia

IN OTHER CHURCH BUILDINGS

TAYLORVILLE, WEST VIRGINIA

It was while attending a MISSION USA Rally that D. B. Watson, then pastor at Chattaroy, West Virginia, felt the call to launch out and endeavor to establish another church. The door soon opened when it was learned that there was a church building for sale in Taylorville where there was no Assembly of God. With District help the building was purchased and services begun. The church was started with one family in attendance. The Sunday School now averages around fifty. A number have been saved and filled with the Spirit recently.

ROANOKE, VIRGINIA

In the years past, attempts had been made to start an Assembly of God in this city of 141,000, but none had succeeded. Then three years ago a building was purchased and a revival conducted by Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Elliott. Following the meeting, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Rupp assumed the duties of pastor. They continued with the work for one year, and then B. B. Skidmore became pastor.

It was learned that the Fairview Methodist Church was for sale. The price asked was \$20,000. After praying about the matter, the District Superintendent and the pastor felt that the Lord would be pleased for us to have

the building for \$12,000. After a number of refusals, they finally agreed to sell for this figure. The 36-by-50-foot brick church (with an eight room Sunday School addition at the rear) is located on a lot with 100 foot frontage on Melrose Avenue. It was purchased complete with rugs, pews, and pulpit furniture. The Lord is blessing in this city and we are looking forward to a real outpouring of the Spirit.

IN A TENT

MATEWAN, WEST VIRGINIA

In the fall of 1955 a tent meeting was conducted in Matewan by Victor Gillam. Following the meeting, in which a number were saved and filled with the Spirit, a Baptist church was leased for \$1.00 per year for ten years. The congregation began to grow and now the building is too small. As soon as a lot is located, the congregation plans to build. The Sunday School averages ninety-five.

OAK HILL, WEST VIRGINIA

The Assembly of God in Oak Hill was started with a tent revival conducted by the District Superintendent. The small congregation moved to a store building with twenty-one in attendance at the first Sunday School. Two lots were purchased on Main Street and another tent revival was conducted by the R. A. Sherill evangelistic party.

Under the leadership of the pastor, Mrs. Helen Crum, the congregation con-

HOME MISSIONS



tinued to grow, and a 32-by-60-foot church building was erected. The property value is estimated at \$14,000. The Sunday School is averaging around eighty.

IN A REMODELED HOUSE

TOMS CREEK, VIRGINIA

Elmer Boggs went to Toms Creek and started a work in a remodeled house. He is still pastoring the work, and the Sunday School averages about thirty-five.

BY PRAYER MEETINGS

SANVILLE, VIRGINIA

Prayer meetings were held in Sanville by Mrs. Lessie Underwood. Lots were later purchased and a tent erected for services. After the weather became too cold to continue in the tent, services were held in a home. A 40-by-60-foot church is being constructed which the congregation will occupy this summer. H. H. Jaynes is pastor of this work.

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Anyone interested in pioneering in the Appalachian District should contact the District Superintendent, W. Glenn West, Route 2, Box 200, Beckley, West Virginia.



Charleston Assembly (W. Va.), where Robert Harris is pastor



This new Assembly is being constructed in Sanville, Virginia



Congregation in New Castle, Virginia

The Family Altar-

A DIVINE INSTITUTION

by Ernest Gingerich

THE FAMILY ALTAR, AS AN INSTITUTION, goes far back in the history of the human family. The first recorded act of Noah after stepping forth from the ark was to build an altar unto the Lord. This he did as an expression of gratitude for the Lord's mercy, and as an act of worship and thanksgiving for His great deliverance.

"He builded an altar unto the Lord." We may well believe that the altar he built was a family altar and that his wife, his three sons and their wives humbly prostrated themselves before their Maker and Deliverer. This family of eight souls were the only human beings remaining on the entire earth. Humanity, through them, was to take a fresh start in its earthly existence and these lonely pioneers were keenly conscious of their need of God.

From that day to this, all through Bible history and since, we find the

children of God building altars that they may worship the true God and have fellowship with Him. Abraham was an altar builder. When God called him to leave Ur of the Chaldees and his kindred, and to go to another land of God's choosing, he took his family and obeyed. It was a long journey from Mesopotamia to Canaan. At the completion of the journey, the records tell us, "The Lord appeared unto Abram, and said, Unto thy seed will I give this land: and there builded he an altar unto the Lord, who appeared unto him." Later he moved his tent, and came and dwelt in the plain of Mamre, which is in Hebron, "and built there an altar unto the Lord." Like Noah in his fresh start with his family after the flood, so Abram with his family, at the beginning of new experiences, determined to keep close to God by the process of altar building.

Almost five centuries later, God de-

livered His people from Egyptian bondage and returned them again to the place covenanted to Abraham. Joshua, their divinely appointed leader, immediately built an altar. Rejoicing over the victories God gave them over their enemies, "Joshua built an altar unto the Lord God of Israel in Mount Ebal."

Surely this is a custom Christian families should follow today. Of course, the altar also denotes a place for the public worship of God, as in the ancient days of the tabernacle and the temple. But public worship without private and family worship means the missing of vital instruction, inspiration and blessing. These vital needs are commonly neglected in the pressure and feverish activity of modern life. These very terms we have been using—family altar, family worship, family Bible study, family prayers—all recall precious memories of childhood days. A generation ago found multitudes of families, from the oldest to the tiniest

Our Family Altar

MONDAY

SEPTEMBER 10

SCRIPTURE: Proverbs 4:14-27

TODAY'S GEM: "Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life" (Prov. 4:23).

FOR THE PARENT: This passage gives a contrast of right and wrong paths. Recall the characteristics of those who walk in the path of the wicked and those who walk in the path of the just. Stress the importance of keeping ourselves from all sin (v. 23).

QUESTION TIME: What is meant by verse 23? What are some characteristics of the path of wickedness? (vv. 16-18, 24)

PRAY that we will be kept from sinning against God, our heavenly Father.

TUESDAY

SEPTEMBER 11

SCRIPTURE: Proverbs 6:6-15

TODAY'S GEM: "Go to the ant . . . consider her ways, and be wise" (Prov. 6:6).

FOR THE PARENT: We can learn spiritual lessons by watching God's creation. Have the group mention spiritual lessons they have learned from watching animals—such as faithfulness from a dog. Stress that one reason God gives us these examples is so we will be better Christians and to teach us important lessons.

QUESTION TIME: What lesson can we learn from the ant? (vv. 6-8) What is the spiritual lesson of this passage? (vv. 12-15)

PRAY that we will learn all the lessons God wants us to learn.

WEDNESDAY

SEPTEMBER 12

SCRIPTURE: Proverbs 6:16-23

TODAY'S GEM: "Reproofs of instruction are the way of life" (Prov. 6:23).

FOR THE PARENT: Briefly go over the seven things that God hates. Then stress (1) the importance of obeying our parents, verse 20; (2) how we are to regard their commands, verses 21, 22; (3) why we are to obey them, verse 23.

QUESTION TIME: How are we to obey our parents? (vv. 21, 22) Why are we to obey them? (v. 23) What are the seven things that God hates? (vv. 16-19)

PRAY that we will not be guilty of doing any of these things that God hates, but will in all things please Him.



tots, at a given place where the Bible was read and prayer offered. There the inspired words of Scripture sank deep into the hearts and memories of the participants in an unforgettable way; there prayers offered by the head of the house went straight to the throne of grace, forming unbreakable links between the members of the household, and between each one and the heavenly Father. There blessings were bestowed that will endure through all eternity.

Why should not every Christian family have this "altar" in the home today? No doubt it has existed in thousands of homes, but has fallen to pieces. Certainly it can be rebuilt. As Bishop Eby said: "It is an achievement in this complex civilization in which we live to keep intact our family altar. It is also a glorious possibility for those who truly desire to have a Christian home; for those who covet their children's salvation above all else; for those who have the holy ambition that their family shall some day meet unbroken

around the great family altar of our Lord and Master."

Old John Newton once wrote to a friend offering some practical suggestions along this line, which were quoted in a Keswick Calendar some years ago: "You will, of course, choose those hours when you are least liable to be incommoded by the calls of business, and when the family can assemble with the most convenience; only I would observe that it greatly preserves regularity and good order in a house to keep constantly to the same hours when it is practicable, and likewise that it is best not to defer evening prayer till late, if it can be well avoided, lest some who join in the exercise, and perhaps the person himself who leads in it, should be too weary or sleepy to give due attention."

The Japanese Evangelistic Band reports an experience that should arouse us. At a certain school in Japan a teacher asked the children if there were any who had not breakfasted that

morning, thinking thereby to discover some needy family. A boy nine years old put up his hand. Knowing that he came from a comparatively well-to-do family, the teacher asked why he had not had breakfast. The boy replied: "In our home we do not have breakfast till we have partaken of spiritual food. As I was late getting up this morning, I had to leave for school immediately after the spiritual food, so I have not had any breakfast." The teacher did not understand what the boy meant, so the lad went on to explain that in his home the Scripture Union daily portions were read. The teacher and the boy's classmates were so impressed with the lad's relating of the experience that fifteen of them joined the Scripture Union and began reading the Bible daily.

Surely in this day of "the making of many books" the greatest of all books should have the major place in our reading time. Few pieces of literature so ably set forth the Bible's claims as does John Burton's hymn.

"Holy Bible, book divine,
Precious treasure, thou art mine;
Mine to tell me whence I came;
Mine to teach me what I am;
Mine to chide me when I rove;
Mine to show a Saviour's love;
Mine to show a guide and guard;
Mine to punish or reward;
Mine to comfort in distress,
Suff'ring in this wilderness;
Mine to show, by living faith,
Man can triumph over death;
Mine to tell of joys to come,
And the rebel sinner's doom;
O thou holy book divine,
Precious treasure, thou art mine."

—The United Brethren

THURSDAY

SEPTEMBER 13

SCRIPTURE: 2 Kings 19:8-19, 35-37

TODAY'S GEM: "The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much" (James 5:16).

FOR THE PARENT: Review the story of Hezekiah, the king who knew how to pray (see Sunday Lesson page). His actions are a guide for us: (1) he went to God's house; (2) he prayed; (3) he asked God to deliver His people so that all the earth would know that the Lord was God.

QUESTION TIME: Who was Hezekiah? (2 Kings 18:1) Was he a good king? (2 Kings 18:3) What was the occasion of this prayer to God? (vv. 9-13) How did God answer? (v. 35)

FRIDAY

SEPTEMBER 14

SCRIPTURE: Mark 12:13-17, 28-31 (Sunday's Lesson for Juniors)

TODAY'S GEM: "If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally" (James 1:5).

FOR THE PARENT: Jesus showed great wisdom in answering His critics who tried to trick Him. Point out from these passages what He thought about the Christian's duty to his (1) God; (2) country; (3) neighbor.

QUESTION TIME: How did Jesus answer the question about taxes? (vv. 15-17) What did Jesus say were the greatest commandments of all? (vv. 29-31)

PRAY for grace to fulfill God's commands.

SATURDAY

SEPTEMBER 15

SCRIPTURE: John 14:16, 17; Acts 2:1-21 (Sunday's Lesson for Primaries)

TODAY'S GEM: "He shall baptize you with the Holy Spirit" (Matt. 3:11).

FOR THE PARENT: Point out (1) Jesus promised His followers that He would send the Comforter (Holy Spirit) to them after He went to heaven; (2) after the disciples were filled with the Spirit, they went everywhere witnessing for Jesus; (3) Jesus wants all His followers filled with the Spirit (Acts 2:39).

QUESTION TIME: Who is the Comforter? (The Holy Spirit) When were the disciples filled with the Holy Spirit? (Acts 2:4)

We Need Some

NEGATIVE

Preaching Too

by J. B. LINNEY
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THE TREND IN MODERN RELIGION seems to be to "preach a *positive* message." The author of a book which I recently read made the remark that Jesus' teachings were almost entirely positive. While the writer was sincere, his statement is not true. Jesus' teachings, as well as the entire Bible, are a balanced diet of *both* positive and negative. God sees fit to tell us what we ought *not* to do.

God's very first revelation of His will for the first man, while it had its positive aspects, emphasized the negative. He told Adam some things he could do, but laid down in no uncertain terms the things He did *not* want Adam to do. If Adam had obeyed God in these "negative" commands, perhaps we would still be reaping the benefits.

The Ten Commandments were a direct revelation from God—Jehovah penned them with His finger and handed them to Moses—and in these we find both negative and positive statements. Though we do not have tables of stone, the same "thou shalt" and "thou shalt not" are written in the fleshly tables of our hearts, and preachers are responsible to proclaim *both* phases of the truth to their people.

But the negative message is not confined to the Old Testament. Jesus' teachings are full of things *not* to do. "Lay *not* up for yourselves treasures upon earth" (Matt. 6:19). "Take *no* thought for your life" (Matt. 6:25). "Take therefore *no* thought for the morrow" (Matt. 6:34). "Judge *not*" (Matt. 7:1). "Give *not* that which is holy unto the dogs" (Matt. 7:6). "But I say unto you, Swear *not* at all" (Matt. 5:34). "But I say unto you, That ye resist *not* evil" (Matt. 5:39). "Moreover when ye fast, be *not*, as the hypocrites, of a sad countenance" (Matt. 6:16). These commands are very much negative.

Paul's teachings abound with negative

commandments. "Let *not* sin therefore reign in your mortal body" (Rom. 6:12). "Be *not* conformed to this world" (Rom. 12:2). "We . . . ought . . . *not* to please ourselves" (Rom. 15:1). "Let *no* man seek his own" (1 Cor. 10:24). "Be ye *not* unequally yoked together with unbelievers" (2 Cor. 6:14). "And have *no* fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness" (Eph. 5:11).

James also tells us things *not* to do: "Speak *not* evil one of another" (James 4:11). And so does John: "Love *not* the world, neither the things that are in the world" (1 John 2:15). This negative admonition could certainly bear some emphasizing today.

There certainly is great joy to be found in doing what God has told us to do, but there is also a thrilling victory that comes with getting to an old-fashioned altar and praying through till God gives us deliverance from questionable things in our life. And no amount of "positive" works can make up for the lack of this victory. Multi-

tudes are trying to work for the Lord in some churches who need first to stop their smoking, dancing, and other worldly ways. The reason why they don't quit doing these things is that they attend a nominal church which doesn't preach anything but a positive message!

It is true that some zealous and well-meaning souls have gone overboard in testifying of the things they don't do, and the habits they have quit, and the pleasures they have given up, but their lack of moderation does not make heresy out of good, sound, "negative" gospel preaching.

I was a member of a church for nearly twenty-five years that never preached against anything. A member could do anything he was big enough to do, and still sit on the front bench in church without getting a feather ruffled. You can't imagine the joy that was mine when I came into the Assemblies of God and found a people who *believed* something and had enough backbone to preach their God-given convictions, both positive and negative. May we ever be faithful to teach "all things whatsoever He has commanded us" (Matt. 28:20).

REVIVALTIME Giving



January 1 to July 31, 1956

TOTAL GIVING

1. EASTERN	\$10,207.94
2. S. CALIFORNIA	10,133.53
3. NORTHWEST	9,820.36
4. NEW YORK	9,586.38
5. OHIO	9,244.89
6. S. MISSOURI	7,800.79
7. ILLINOIS	7,671.28
8. S. FLORIDA	6,229.51
9. WISCONSIN-N. MICH.	6,222.24
10. N. CALIFORNIA-NEV.	6,180.53

AVERAGE PER CHURCH

1. NEW YORK	\$73.74
2. NEW ENGLAND	55.70
3. OHIO	53.74
4. NEW JERSEY	50.23
5. WISCONSIN-N. MICH.	46.43
6. EASTERN	46.39
7. S. FLORIDA	45.14
8. NEBRASKA	41.55
9. ILLINOIS	39.95
10. NORTHWEST	37.91

Stomach Trouble and Stroke

In 1938 God put His hand on me and called me to the ministry. After several years my health began to fail and I contracted a serious stomach trouble. I continued to preach the gospel, however, trusting God to heal me. Each time I was prayed for I would be better for a few days, but soon I would be as sick as before. There were few things I could eat; so I became very weak. I was extremely nervous and I suffered a great deal.

In the fall of 1948 Gayle Jackson came to Prichard, Ala. to conduct a salvation-healing revival. We went to the meetings, and Brother Jackson prayed for me. Thank God, I was delivered, and that stomach trouble has never returned.

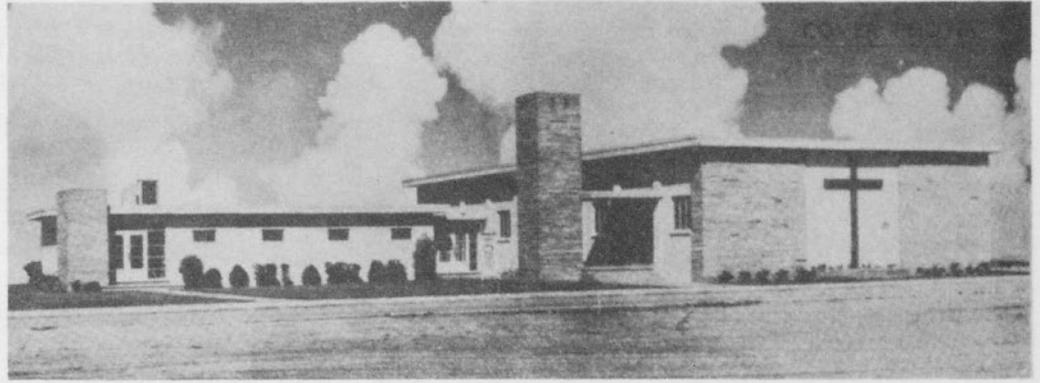
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On Saturday, March 12, 1949, I arose from bed, planning to spend the whole day in preparation for the Sunday services. But I fell to the floor, completely paralyzed in my right side. I felt God had given me a message on Luke 18:27 for my church the next morning—and there I lay paralyzed! It was six weeks before I preached that message, but during that time the truth was made much more real to my heart—"The things which are impossible with men are possible with God."

My church folk came in and prayed for me; and my neighbors came in and insisted that something be done. Finally I yielded, deciding that I would let a doctor examine me.

The doctor said I had had a stroke from overwork. He said there was nothing that he could do except to give me a tonic to build me up, and that it would take a long time for me to recover. I would never be able to preach again, even though I might be able to walk after a long, long time. I thanked the doctor for his advice, but refused the tonic. I told him that God had always healed me and that I was trusting Him for healing this time.

Brother Gayle Jackson was coming back to Mobile on March 16. I was too weak to take the trip, but I felt I must go. I was placed in the car on a special



FROM TENT TO ATTRACTIVE NEW CHURCH IN ONLY THREE YEARS

A church which had a humble beginning in a surplus army tent three years ago—with only seven persons present—recently dedicated the attractive new building above. It is the Campus Boulevard Assembly of God in San Angelo, Texas. Speaker for the July 15 dedicatory service was M. B. Netzel, superintendent of the North Texas District.

Completed in June, the new church includes the main sanctuary (right) and educational building, and is ideally situated one block off a main thoroughfare.

The main building is 91 by 46 feet and will seat approximately 300 persons. It includes the sanctuary, office, nursery, and two classrooms.

There are eight classrooms in the 26 by 64 foot educational building, which is so constructed that a second story may be added later. The entire project is air conditioned and is valued at over \$50,000. Total indebtedness is only \$15,000.

Construction began on the educational building in 1953, and services were held there until the main auditorium was completed.

Organizer and present pastor of the church is Eston A. Pack. Forest E. Smith is now associated with him as educational director.

God has blessed the church greatly. From the original seven who attended the first service in the surplus tent, the congregation has grown until the average Sunday School attendance for June was 135. The congregation has also purchased a parsonage and parking lot adjoining the church.

Brother Pack conducts a daily radio program, "Favorite Hymn Time" which, according to a radio poll, has more local listeners than any other.

The congregation and pastor of Campus Boulevard Assembly are grateful to the Lord for all His blessings and goodness to them, enabling them to accomplish so much for the advancement of His kingdom in such a short period of time.

bed in the back seat. I suffered terribly on that 130-mile trip, and it seemed I would die before I got there.

They carried me in and placed me in a chair, and I was so sick that it seemed I couldn't sit through the message. I was the last one to be prayed for that night, but when Brother Jackson prayed for me I knew Jesus had touched me. I was able to move my foot a little and I believed with all my heart that my Lord would complete the work. Thank God, He did! Day by day I gained strength, and in just a few weeks I was back in my church with perfect use of my body, preaching this blessed message of divine deliverance!

Ever since my healing I have been preaching and carrying on the work of a pastor. During these seven years the Lord has healed me of many other afflictions which the devil has put upon me.

My experience of having the stroke and being paralyzed taught me to be more thankful for God's blessings than so many times we take for granted. Many times as I arise from bed I lift my hands and thank God that I can

stand on my feet and walk, because now I realize how it is not to be able to do so. To God be all the glory.—Miss Mary Agnes Watford, Pastor, Faith Chapel Assembly of God, Franklin, Alabama.

Heart Trouble Healed

My husband, who is 68 years of age, had been doctoring for a heart infection and for leakage of the heart for some time. The doctor had stated that he would not be able to work all summer.

Then, in May 1956, Evangelist and Mrs. Peter Dahlberg held revival meetings in our Assembly. My husband was prayed for during the campaign, and the next morning he felt so much better that he worked in the field all day. He has planted 30 acres of corn and cultivated it twice. He has stopped taking his heart pills, and is strong and well. We give Jesus all the glory.—Mrs. Charles Gow, Rochester, Ind.

(Endorsed by Mrs. Elsie Hershman, Pastor, Rochester, Indiana.)

SUNDAY'S LESSON



THE KING WHO KNEW HOW TO PRAY

Sunday School Lesson for September 16, 1956

2 KINGS 19:1-4, 14-19, 35

"Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and show thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not"—such is God's invitation to His people. Hezekiah, in a time of great national crisis, accepted this challenge and saw the Lord deliver his nation in a manner which must have far exceeded his fondest imaginings.

HEZEKIAH'S TRIALS

A Ruthless Oppressor (2 Kings 18:13-16.) Sennacherib, king of Assyria, invaded Judah and forced Hezekiah to pay tribute.

A Crafty Diplomat (2 Kings 18:17-37). Not content with tribute, Sennacherib sent an army against Judah under the leadership of Rabshakeh to demand the surrender of Jerusalem. Standing near the walls of the city, well within the hearing of the people, Rabshakeh made a clever and blasphemous speech in which he sought to undermine the people's faith in their king and their God.

Where is our confidence? "What confidence is this wherein thou trustest?" (2 Kings 18:19). This question, put to Israel by Rabshakeh, is a good one for our nation to consider. In what are we trusting? Strong army, navy, air force? powerful allies? treaties? great statesmen and generals? These are frail supports! God determines the destiny of nations. Only the nation that trusts God can stand.

But Rabshakeh's question must be faced by the individual as well as by the nation. When trial, danger, and death are imminent, where is our confidence? Is it in our own strength? reputation? income? friends? Personal trust in God alone is what makes character strong and lifts one above the changes and chances of the world!

The Devil's devices. The speech of Rabshakeh is typical of the manner in which Satan seeks to lead men into compromise and sin: (1) he pretends to be doing God's work (vv. 22, 25), (2) he makes light of trust in God (vv. 33-35), (3) he makes false promises and offers rewards (vv. 31, 32). "But the people held their peace, and answered him not" and that is one way to defeat the devil! (Eph. 4:27).

HEZEKIAH'S TRIUMPH

A Praying King (2 Kings 19:1-19). When Hezekiah was informed of the speech of Rabshakeh, he went immediately to the house of the Lord and sent a message to the prophet Isaiah asking his prayers on behalf of the nation. No sooner had he done that than he received another letter from the king of Assyria in which Sennacherib daringly declared himself greater than God!

"And when Hezekiah received the letter . . . and read it

. . . (he) went up into the house of the Lord, and spread it before the Lord. And Hezekiah prayed before the Lord."

The need for Soul Travail. Hezekiah's appeal to Isaiah began with significant words—"the children are come to birth, and there is not strength to bring forth." Hezekiah likened the condition of the nation to that of a woman in labor who has not strength to bring forth her child. One successful blow at the enemy, and the nation would be brought forth into freedom. But there was not strength for that deliverance. What did Hezekiah do? He not only enlisted the intercession of others, but gave himself to intense, agonizing, Holy Ghost prayer.

Hezekiah's statement explains situations today. Why is it that sinners can sit unmoved in the house of God; that so many people bound by sickness, demons, evil habits, are not delivered; that there is so little of the real manifestation of the Spirit? Is it not because there is a lack of that intercessory soul-travail which is absolutely necessary to bring about such spiritual deliverances?

An Encouraging Prophet (2 Kings 19:20-34). "Then Isaiah . . . sent to Hezekiah, saying, Thus saith the Lord . . . That which thou hast prayed to me against Sennacherib I have heard." Hezekiah's intercession was effective! Isaiah predicted (1) the recovery and renewed cultivation of the long-neglected land (v. 29); (2) the deliverance of the people from Assyria without bloodshed (v. 32); the death of Sennacherib (v. 7).

An Avenging God (2 Kings 19:35). Isaiah's predictions were fulfilled to the letter. God sent an angel into the camp of Assyria and slew 185,000 men! Sennacherib fled to his own land without lifting a finger against Jerusalem. The man who defied God was murdered by his own sons!

—J. Bashford Bishop

LEAVE THEM THERE!



Victors and Victims of Faith

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THE VICTORS OF FAITH

We come first to the tomb of Abel. I call this a "talking tomb." It is animated. From its sacred chambers we hear a voice speaking to us, for "he being dead yet speaketh." There is a place in the state of Mississippi known as the "Singing Waters." This is near the mouth of the Pascagoula River, and poets declare that here the waters sing. The Bible tells about the Blood that speaks. I like to stand before this monument and let it speak to me of eternal redemption through the efficacy of the shed blood of Christ. Here, molded as it were in bronze, which the ravages of time have been unable to mar or efface, has been erected a marker which has pointed all true worshipers "to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things than that of Abel." Here is where the "more excellent" sacrifice was offered. Every heart which has been purged from an evil conscience is a replica of this tomb.

Of Enoch we read, "He was translated that he should not see death—he had this testimony, that he pleased God." Who could ask for more? Who would want less? His vision reached down through the antediluvian age; swept across the horizon of all the subsequent dispensations, even to the terminus of the dispensation of grace in which we live; and he had the thrill of seeing "the Lord coming with ten thousands of His saints, to execute judgment upon all, and to convince all that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly committed, and of all their hard speeches which ungodly sinners have spoken against Him" (Jude 14-15). This is like a "lighted tower" whose revolving light sends its beam into the dark night of this old world of sin and sorrow to guide the "sky pilot" on his course.

"But Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord" (Gen. 6:8), and that at a time when "every imagination of the thoughts of his (man's) heart was only evil continually," as well as at a time when "it repented the Lord that He had made man on the earth." This man's monument stands where God's judg-

ment and God's mercy met. He emerges from the flood as a preserver of life, and by his faith and fidelity linked two dispensations together. He was also progenitor through Shem, Ham, and Japheth, of the five races of men today, white, brown, black, red, and yellow.

Like an observation tower stands a monument to the memory of Abraham, the "friend of God," from whose summit we view the lesser monuments, and through whose telescope we get a panoramic view of God's great plan of salvation. His consecration was so thorough—"when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went." His consecration led him into "a strange country, dwelling in tabernacles with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of these promises." He never assumed the attitude of a permanent dweller here on earth, but rather "confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth." Here the way is plainly marked. We are "to seek a country"; yea, "a better country," that is "an heavenly: wherefore God is not ashamed to be called our God; for he hath prepared for us a city."

God's promise to Abraham, "and him as good as dead," that his seed would be "so many as the stars of the sky in multitude, and the sand which is by the sea shore innumerable," caused this man to not stagger in unbelief. After the promised son had arrived, Abraham, "when he was tried, offered up Isaac." Whose heart has not been moved with sympathy at this pathetic story? Three days he journeyed until finally he "saw the place afar off," and said to his young men, "Abide ye here with the ass; and I and the lad will go yonder and worship, and come again to you." The wood for the burnt-offering was laid upon the shoulders of Isaac, while Abraham carried the fire and knife in his own hands, and they went both of them together. A tense moment it must have been for Abraham when Isaac, upon seeing no lamb for the burnt-offering, said, "My father: behold the fire and the wood: but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" Oh, the pathos of the scene!

I shall never forget the pangs of my own experience when I returned to the little home in Hattiesburg, Miss., after having laid to rest the mother of my four boys. Upon entering the room in which she, a few days before, had died, the second boy asked: "Daddy, where is mother?" Nothing but a faith in God who is able to raise men from the dead will suffice for such an hour as this; and thank God, Abraham points the way, for he believed that God would raise his son from the dead.

The inscription concerning Isaac and Jacob is brief, but far-reaching in its meaning. "Isaac blessed Jacob and Esau concerning things to come," and Jacob, "when he was a dying, blessed both the sons of Joseph; and worshiped, leaning upon the top of his staff."

"By faith Joseph, when he died, made mention of the departing of the children of Israel; and gave commandment concerning his bones." Here we have a beautiful lesson of separation from the world for God's redeemed people, and a hope of the resurrection from the dead of all who fall asleep in Christ.

To the memory of Moses was erected, as it were, an obelisk. The quarry from which this monument was hewn is the everlasting Rock of Ages. A deliverer, law giver, prophet and priest, was this mighty man of God. Though he was "learned in all the wisdom of the Egyptians, and was mighty in words and deeds," yet he "when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter; choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season; esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt: for he had respect unto the recompence of reward."

While tending sheep on the Midian desert, from a burning bush he received his commission from Jehovah to go and lead His people forth into the Promised Land. The world acknowledges him as the greatest jurist of all time. The Bible acknowledges him as the man to whom God spoke as it were face to face, as well as the most humble man upon the earth. He died at 120 years of age with his strength unabated and his eyes undimmed—a great man was he!

The names of Joshua and Rahab are woven into the same story. To Joshua, Israel's new leader, we have this short inscription, "By faith the walls of Jericho fell down, after they were com-

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passed about seven days." "By faith the harlot Rahab perished not with them that believed not, when she had received the spies with peace."

Turning from these great heroes of faith, men and women worthy of distinctive description in Holy Writ, mere mention is made of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthæ; of David also, Samuel and of the prophets: "Who through faith subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, waxed valiant in fight, turned to flight the armies of the aliens. Women received their dead raised to life again." And *others* "were tortured, not accepting deliverance; that they might obtain a better resurrection," and it is these *others* of whom I want to speak just here.

TOMB OF THE UNKNOWN SOLDIER

Their names are unknown; nothing of their family lineage or genealogy is known. Just what place along the battle line they held is of no material concern to us. They were not conquerors in the sense of being *victors* in their fight. I call them *victims of faith*. Listen to the inspired sculptor as he chisels the record of their deeds of valor upon the tomb of God's unknown soldier—a tomb just as abiding and eternal as bears the names of those *victors*. "And *others* had trials of cruel mockings and scourgings, yea, moreover of bonds and imprisonment: they were stoned, they were sawn asunder, were tempted, were slain with the sword: they wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins; being destitute, afflicted, tormented; (of whom the world was not worthy:) they wandered in deserts, and in mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth. And these all, having obtained a good report through faith, *received not the promise.*" Verses 36-39.

I am convinced that it requires more abiding faith to be a *victim of faith*, than to be a *victor of faith*.

I think of our precious brethren who have labored in the ministry in the out-of-way places where their support has not been sufficient to give them the actual necessities of life, to say nothing of the comforts we all like. Is not their faithfulness a greater act of devotion to God and His cause, than where the

minister is remunerated richly for his service?

I am wondering if it is not a greater act of loyalty to God when we are willing to labor for Him, without costly clothes to wear, without fine cars in which to ride, without beautiful homes in which to live? These *victims* of whom the Bible speaks, wandered in dens and mountains, dressed in sheepskins and goatskins—not a comfortable state in which to live, we must all admit—but *through faith* they endured.

I have wondered why the Lord delivered Peter from prison when He allowed James to be killed with the sword. Was Peter a man of more faith than James? Was he living closer to God than James? There is but one Bible answer. Peter was a *victor* and James a *victim*.

I have detected a tendency among Pentecostal people to condemn and censure one when trouble or misfortune overtook them. Even at a time when death comes into our homes and our hearts are crushed beneath a weight of sorrow that almost overcomes us, some are ready to judge and condemn. I remember when I lost my first child the year I entered the ministry, someone said, "If he were living close to God, and had all he claims to have, God would have healed his baby." I had hoped and prayed that God would, but since He didn't, I tried to be true to Him despite the death.

I was called to pray for my sister and her husband, and found them both sick upon the same bed. In answer to the same prayer—for we prayed for them both at the same time—God healed my brother-in-law, but my sister lay there



Withstand!

Stand still! Stand firm!

Stand ever sound—

Stand armor clad,

'Tis fighting ground;

Then stand with victor's grip,

The "foe" to overthrow;

With holy hands, unloose the bands—

'Tis Christ that brought him low.

—Evan Roberts

and died. He was *victor*; she, a *victim*. She died in the faith.

I know it is a wonderful act of faith to receive healing when you are sick, and I would not want to say anything that would in any wise be derogatory to your faith; but after all, I am wondering if it does not reveal greater faith in God to be true to Him through our hours of suffering even unto death, than to successfully trust Him for healing. When I think of the martyrs who laid down their lives for the word of their testimony, I am made to wonder after all if it is not a greater act of faith to die for God than it is to live for God.

I believe there will be people in heaven who never knew what hunger was, and I am sure that others will be there who never knew what it was to have a satisfied appetite. People will be there who never knew what sickness and pain felt like, but on the other hand there will be persons there who never knew a well day in their life. Perhaps it would be more difficult to serve God in rags than in fine clothes.

There were two phases to Christ's ministry: from the time of His baptism in Jordan to the last supper, and from the time Judas dipped the sop in the dish with Him until on Calvary when He said, "It is finished." From Jordan to the last supper, devils were subject to Him, the lame leaped as an hart at His command, blind eyes were opened, and the tongue of the dumb did sing. Even the winds and waves obeyed Him. He played the role of *victor*. He proved that He is Master and Lord over all. But—He finally fell as *victim* in the hands of His enemies. Judas sold and betrayed Him. Peter, James and John fell asleep while He went "yonder to pray." They smote the Shepherd, and the sheep were scattered—they all forsook Him. Peter followed afar off, and finally cursed and denied knowing Him. None was there to defend Him when He appeared before Pilate, and under sentence of death carried His cross to Golgotha's brow. They passed by and wagged their heads, saying "He saved others, Himself He cannot save. If He be the Christ let Him come down and we will believe Him." He was *victim* then, but through it all He was true to God.

If I can be true to Jesus through evil report, through severe trials, through afflictions, through poverty; yea, if I can be a true Christian in the hands of my enemies, I am sure that it will not be difficult to be true when good things

come my way. He may not see fit to deliver me from the fiery furnace, but if He will only go with me into the furnace all will be well. He may not deliver me from the lions' den, but if He will but send His angel to deliver me from the jaws of the lions I shall be satisfied.

I do not understand that God has promised to keep sickness from me, or that I shall have no sorrow cross the threshold of my home; I do not understand that God promises me immunity

from the troubles of this life that others are subject to, but I do know that He has said, "I will never leave thee—I will not leave thee comfortless." What He does not see fit to deliver me from, I am trusting Him to carry me through.

"Not until the loom is silent,
And the shuttles cease to fly,
Will God unfold the canvas,
And explain the reason why
The dark threads were as needful
In the Master's skillful hand,
As the threads of gold and silver,
In the pattern He had planned."

The Prisoner's Heart Was Broken

A few years ago an evangelist was conducting a tent revival in a town in Canada. A drunk came into the services one night and disturbed the meeting by talking loudly. One of the workers tried to quiet him but failed. It was necessary to forcibly remove him from the tent so that others in attendance could benefit from the service. But while he was being ejected, the drunk landed a severe blow on the face of the usher who was taking him out.

A policeman standing nearby saw what happened. He seized the offender and hurried him off to jail, charging him with drunkenness.

The evangelist, the usher who had been struck, and several other Christians attended the man's trial. Upon seeing his penitence, they sympathized with him. But the offender was found guilty and sentenced to jail since he could not pay the fine.

When he heard the sentence, the evangelist remarked to his friends, "Now we have a chance to break the prisoner's heart."

"What do you mean?" asked one.

"We can do it paying his fine," the evangelist replied.

All agreed to this plan. The one who had been struck by the prisoner went to the court clerk, "I want to pay the prisoner's fine," he announced.

"That's foolish," muttered the clerk. "Let him go to jail; he deserves it."

The judge heard the conversation and expressed his satisfaction about the change of events. He called for the prisoner and said to him, "A gentleman has paid your fine."

The poor fellow was amazed at the

news. "Who would pay the fine for a bum like me?" he asked. "The one whom you struck in your drunkenness last night," replied the judge.

The man could hardly believe what he heard. But since the judge had told him he was free now, he did not wait to argue. He went directly to the man who paid his fine.

"How could you do it? How could you do it?" he repeated over and over again. His eyes were filled with tears of gratitude as he gripped the hand of the one who had set him free.

This story is but a feeble illustration of God's wondrous grace to a guilty world. Before a righteous God all of us were found guilty, deserving to be banished forever from His presence. We were unable to save ourselves. But as we were going to our just reward, there came a voice from on high, "Deliver him from going down into the pit: I have found a ransom" (Job 33:24).

That marvelous provision was none other than Jesus Christ, God's own Son, who "gave himself a ransom for all" (1 Timothy 2:6). Christ's death was the manifestation of God's love to a guilty world (John 3:16). Because of His atoning sacrifice, God's claims against us have been fully and righteously met.

Because of what Christ has done, all are invited to accept a full and free salvation through faith in Christ's finished atonement. This is the "good news" of the gospel—Christ has forever settled the "sin question" by paying the penalty for all who will repent. And now all we have to do is accept Him and believe His Word that our debt is paid. —*The Pentecostal Testimony*

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1. In your visitation program for Enlarge-

ment Month, leave a copy of this EVANGEL at each unchurched home.

2. Distribute the EVANGEL from door to door. An invitation to attend your church services could be attached.

3. Ask church members to subscribe to the EVANGEL for community use, placing it in the public library, schools, jails, hospitals, county homes, etc. Use the Campaign Issue as an introduction to this service.

4. Mail copies of this EVANGEL to those who are absent from Sunday School and church. Be sure shut-ins and others on the Extension Department list are included.

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If we desire to couple them with faith, we are no longer resting on the Word of God, because faith needs nothing of the kind. Faith rests on the naked Word of God. When we take Him at His Word, the heart is at peace.

God delights to exercise our faith, first for blessing in our own souls, then for blessing in the Church at large, and also for those without. But this exercise we shrink from, instead of welcoming it.

When trials come, we should say, "My heavenly Father puts this cup of trial into my hands, that I may have something sweet afterwards." Trial is the food of faith. Let us leave ourselves in the hands of our heavenly Father! It is the joy of His heart to do good to all His children.



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Are you able to say, from the acquaintance you have made with God, that He is a lovely Being? If not, ask God to bring you to this, that you may admire His gentleness and kindness, that you may be able to say how good He is and what a delight it is to the heart of God to do good to His children.

—by GEORGE MULLER



Fagots From the Torch of Evangelism

Compiled by the Department of Evangelism, 434 West Pacific St., Springfield, Mo.

► **STAR CITY, ARK.**—The entire church here was blessed and edified in two weeks of revival with Evangelist J. D. Middlebrook, of Fort Smith, Ark. Twelve were saved and one received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. There were several outstanding healings. One man had swollen feet and was healed instantly. The Sunday School attendance also increased.

—Leslie W. Hoppers, Pastor

► **GONZALES, LA.**—The Galvez Assembly of God and the community surrounding have enjoyed a marvelous outpouring of the Spirit of God. Evangelist W. A. Edwards and family were used of God in the special meetings. Twenty-eight or thirty souls came to the altar for salvation. There were also many outstanding healings. The audience averaged between seventy-five and a hundred nightly, and the Sunday School attendance nearly doubled. —Lewis F. Sullivan, Pastor

► **POUND, WIS.**—The church here was greatly blessed in recent meetings conducted by the Musical Vander Ploegs, of Toledo, Ohio. There were many factors that would ordinarily have been detrimental to the meetings, but in spite of them the attendance was excellent. About 25 knelt at the altar for salvation and at least 12 were baptized in the Holy Spirit. On the last Sunday of the campaign, 13 candidates were baptized in water. Many new contacts were made for the church. —Wilbur Mandigo, Pastor

► **KANSAS CITY, KANS.**—God poured out His Spirit in a very special way during meetings conducted in Evangel Tabernacle by the Singing Sandalls of Augusta, Kans. Several were saved; two received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit; and many were healed by the power of God.

—E. F. Schuler, Pastor

► **ENGLEWOOD, COLO.**—The Assembly here had one of its best revivals in years with Evangelist and Mrs. Paul McGechie, of Dumas, Tex. Several were saved and healed, and seventeen received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. A skin cancer fell off one lady's face; a little boy was healed of Bright's Disease; one man was delivered from smoking and the Lord baptized him with the Holy Spirit. Following the meetings, thirteen affiliated with the church. There was a deep spiritual stirring throughout the church.

—D. Paul Perry, Pastor

► **HOUSTON, TEX.**—The Magnolia Park Assembly of God has witnessed one of the greatest revivals in her history, under the ministry of Evangelist John McDuff. For six weeks, the mighty power of the Holy Ghost was manifested in every service. The altar was filled with seekers. Many were saved and filled with the Holy Spirit, and the entire church was moved in a mighty way. The unity of the church and the beautiful Christian fellowship were wonderful to behold. The church greatly appreciated the evangelist's anointed ministry. —E. M. Yeats, Pastor

► **ANAHUAC, TEX.**—The church here was greatly blessed recently by the ministry of Evangelist and Mrs. Glen Shinn, of Covina, Calif. Souls were saved and reclaimed, and a goodly number experienced revival. The Spirit of God was present to bless in each service.

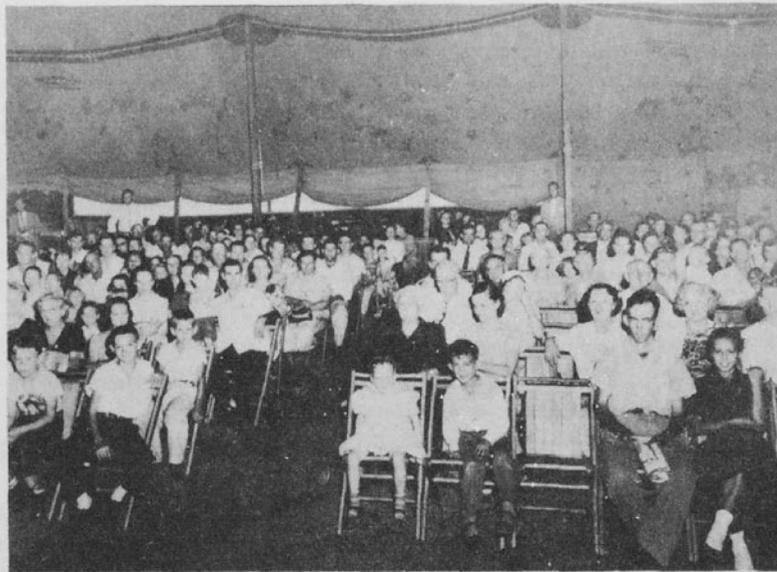
—W. L. Spittler, Pastor

► **CALICO ROCK, ARK.**—God moved in a wonderful way here in meetings that were recently conducted by Evangelist Glenna Byard, of Mountain Home, Ark. Two were saved, two reclaimed, and six filled with the Holy Spirit.

—S. A. Sublett, Pastor

► **MIDLAND, TEX.**—Calvary Temple has just launched a very successful two-week revival meeting with the Thomas Evangelistic Party of Tulsa, Okla. Miss Pat Thomas, 15-year-old evangelist, was featured during the meetings. She was assisted by her twin brothers, Walter and Wayne, who furnished the music. God opened the way for the pastor and party to appear on television three different times. This was a good advertisement, creating a warm feeling among the people of Midland toward the church and meeting. Calvary Temple is Midland's newest Assembly of God and does not have its own church building as yet. A school auditorium was used for these special services.

—Marlin Maddox, Pastor



TENT CAMPAIGN IN SHREVEPORT, LA.—Recently the city of Shreveport was visited with a great outpouring of God's power. The Reid Party, of Springfield, Mo., came at the invitation of the majority of the Assemblies of God churches in this area for a united tent campaign on the Louisiana State Fair Grounds.

In spite of inclement weather, the crowds were very good. God worked in marvelous ways, healing sick bodies, saving sinsick souls, and baptizing believers in the Holy Spirit. Al Reid and his son, Tommy, were greatly used of God in presenting the Full Gospel message.

—Charles H. Miller, Chairman

ADVISORY COUNCIL TO MEET AT EVANGEL COLLEGE

The second annual meeting of the Advisory Council of Evangel College will convene on Friday, September 14, at 9:30 a.m.

Over 100 Assemblies of God laymen from all parts of the U.S. are members of the Advisory Council and will be attending the meeting. R. G. LeTourneau, Christian industrialist, will be the guest speaker.

Evangel College Auxiliary, composed of wives of members of the Advisory Council, will be convening at the same time. Anyone desiring information about the Advisory Council or the Evangel College Auxiliary may write to Evangel College, 1111 N. Glenstone, Springfield, Mo.

CAMP MEETING BLESSINGS IN WYOMING

Our camp meeting closed July 29 and we thank God for His blessing which rested upon it from the very first service.

Earl W. Goodman, Montana District Superintendent, was our Camp Evangelist. The Lord used Brother Goodman in a wonderful way to stir our hearts. We heard so many express their appreciation of his ministry, and of the spiritual tone of the entire camp. The fellowship was delightful.

The outdoor C. A. vesper services, led by D-CAP Gary Thomas, were really inspiring. S. S. Director Clarence Brotzman and W.M.C. President Fern Shamp each contributed to the success of the camp. We were privileged to have Brother and Sister Kenneth Godbey and family (missionaries to Nigeria) for our World Missions Rally.

We are looking forward to another great camp next year in the beautiful Big Horn Mountains, if Jesus tarries.

—R. G. McAllister, District Superintendent

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DEDICATION OF NEW CHURCH—Dedication service in Assembly of God, Chillicothe, Ill., Sept. 17. J. L. Watkins and G. E. Mandel, guest speakers.—by Daryle Hussey, Pastor.

DEDICATION SERVICE—A new church will be dedicated at Litchfield, Ill., Sept. 10. W. R. Williamson, District Superintendent, and A. A. Wilson, Kansas City, Mo., afternoon and evening speakers.—by Earl and Helen Cornelison, Pastors.

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.—Pentecostal Jubilee Week, Sept. 23-30 inclusive, in the Minneapolis Arena, seating 7,000. Celebrated by all Full Gospel churches in Minneapolis-St. Paul area. Various well-known speakers taking part.—by F. J. Lindquist, chairman.

RADIO PROGRAMS

CINCINNATI, OHIO—"The Victory Hour" on station WNOP, 740 kc., Sundays 3 to 3:30 p.m. Sponsored by First Christian Assembly of God.—D. Leroy Sanders, Pastor.

STATE	CITY	CHURCH	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR
Ala.	Prichard	A/G	Sept. 2-16	J. G. Mayo, Jr., J. Barton	J. D. Stevens
Calif.	Arvin	A/G	Sept. 2-23	Jolin C. Potcet	E. L. Kopper
	Bakersfield	Faith Tab. A/G	Sept. 5—	Bobby Clark	R. E. Lottridge
	Marysville	A/G	Sept. 18—	N. L. Ballew	Floyd Thomas
	Richmond	Central A/G	Sept. 9-16	Hildreth Ethridge	Russell E. Griffin
	Twenty-Nine Palms	Calvary Chapel	Sept. 11-16	Mel Johnson	Leo Duncan
Colo.	Loveland	A/G	Sept. 2—	O. E. Gaddis & wife	E. C. Grauberger
Fla.	Daytona Beach	¹ First A/G	Sept. 10-16	Gladys Voight	R. C. Francis
Ga.	Atlanta	Washington St.	Sept. 2-23	Carl C. Haas	James G. Mayo
Ill.	Camp Point	A/G	Sept. 18—	Fiscus & Peak	James Watkins
	Chicago	Stone Church	Sept. 9-23	Bobby Ray	E. C. Sumrall
	West Point	A/G	Sept. 18-30	Walter D. Lascelle	R. W. Schaible
Ind.	Indianapolis	Grace A/G	Sept. 18-30	Wm. Moorman & wife	Howard Skinner
	Jasonville	² (Fair Grounds)	Sept. 2—	Duncan-Paino	H. J. Keener
	Terre Haute	First A/G	Sept. 16—	Gene Martin & wife	Allan G. Snider
Iowa	Des Moines	First A/G	Sept. 12-23	Christian Hild	A. M. Alber
Kans.	Iola	A/G	Sept. 9-23	Singing Sandalls	Peter Stetz
	Manhattan	A/G	Sept. 16-30	Hooks-Sawyer	Ernie Camery
	Stockton	A/G	Sept. 18-30	Musical Lambertsons	I. Christoffersen
	Wichita	Glad Tidings	Sept. 18—	Stanley McPherson	Floyd L. Dennis
Mass.	Boston	First A/G	Sept. 2-16	Peter Jepsen	Peter Egnet
Mich.	Boyne City	A/G	Sept. 16—	L. L. Osborn	A. C. Smith
Minn.	Minneapolis	Gospel Tab.	Sept. 5-23	Jonas E. Miller	F. J. Lindquist
Mo.	Mexico	A/G	Sept. 9-30	Cliff Truitt & wife	Warren LaRose
	Overland	Faith A/G	Sept. 18-30	Carl W. Oney & wife	Glenn Gilder
	Thayer	A/G	Sept. 16-30	J. DeGrad & wife	James E. Griggs
	Union	A/G	Sept. 11—	Robert L. Winford	Robert Woodruff
N. J.	Elizabeth	First A/G	Sept. 11-16	Eskelin Family	Elmer Lindale
N. Y.	Glens Falls	Calvary Tab.	Sept. 16-30	William Schell	Wm. A. Burnell
	Watertown	³ (Strand Theater)	Sept. 12-30	Wm. A. Caldwell	⁴ W. H. Dickinson
Okla.	Henryetta	First A/G	Sept. 16-30	Loyd Evans & wife	H. A. Strange
Pa.	Wrightsville	A/G	Sept. 9-23	Musical Alaimos	Asa Martin
Wash.	Bellingham	A/G	Sept. 16-30	Evelyn M. Olsen	J. Wilderman
Wis.	Wis. Rapids	A/G	Sept. 18-30	Joel Palmer & wife	Lyle E. Curtis
Can.	Trail, B. C.	Pentecostal Ch.	Sept. 2-16	Bill Scott	Charles Postal
	Brandom, Man.	Bethel Temple	Sept. 2-30	Oliver Johnson & wife	E. C. Williams

¹ Children's meeting

² Tent meeting

³ Area-wide meeting

⁴ Presbyter

Announcements should reach us 30 days in advance, due to the fact that the EVANGEL is made up 24 days before the date which appears upon it.

HEREFORD, TEX.—"Songs of Praise and Words of Life" on station KPAN, 860 kc., Sundays 2 to 2:30 p.m. Sponsored by Hereford Assembly of God.—V. W. Marcontell, Pastor.

NEW ADDRESSES

Virgil L. Conger, 317 3rd Rue, Nebraska City, Nebr. "Pastoring Assembly of God."

Pastor W. A. Hawkins, 211 N. Van Eps St., Madison, S. Dak.

Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Treece, Box 55, San Carlos, Ariz. "Now in full-time work with the Sam Carlos Apaches."

James H. Hamann, 721 Park Ave., Racine, Wis. "Pastoring Assembly of God."

James H. Black, 14200 E. Whittier Blvd., Whittier, Calif. "Am pastoring a new work, Faith Assembly of God."

Ernest J. Moen, 218 W. 3rd Ave., Menomonie, Wis. "Pastoring Full Gospel Tabernacle."

David A. Lewis, Cabins, W. Va. "Now pastoring Assembly of God at Cabins."

Warren D. Combs, 730 6th Ave. W., Bradenton, Fla. "Resigned pastorate of Assembly of God in Toppenish, Wash. to enter evangelistic field."

Billy Keen, 3109 Ray Court, Fort Worth, Tex.

MISCELLANEOUS NOTICES

CONTACTS WANTED—I have moved to Velasco, Tex. to establish an Assembly. If you have friends who work at Dow Chemical Co. or elsewhere in this area, please contact me.—Pastor W. D. Metzgar, 620 N. Ave. B., Velasco, Tex.

CONTACTS WANTED—I have accepted the pastorate at Buxton, N. C., and would be glad to contact anyone who is stationed at the new Cape Hatteras Naval Photographic Center. Our Assembly is only a short distance from the base.—J. C. Braddock, P.O. Box 157, Buxton, N.C.

CONTACTS WANTED—If you have friends attending Oklahoma A. & M. College, send their names and addresses to Lee Mullendore, General Delivery, Stillwater, Okla. As sponsor of Chi Alpha, the Assemblies of God Youth Program on the campus, he would like to invite all new students to the Youth meetings.—Marthel Mathews, Secretary of Chi Alpha.

WITH CHRIST

JOHN J. STODDARD, 32, Lake Charles, La. went to be forever with Christ on July 26, 1956. Brother Stoddard was an evangelist who began his ministry in 1948. He became an ordained minister in the General Council of the Assemblies of God in 1954.

"I Have Five Brethren!"

by Arne Vick

IT MAY SEEM STRANGE THAT THE doomed man who uttered the above words could possibly be an object lesson to believers, and yet he is. For this man experienced too late what every believer should experience now—a desperate concern for his loved ones. It caused him to travail and intercede on their behalf. Amazing paradox—intercession in hell!

First, observe that he did not have this concern for his unsaved loved ones until he died. Then he found himself in the midst of eternal realities and saw things from God's perspective. Even then, his first concern and petition to Abraham was starkly selfish. His torment, his thirst; his distress occupied his entire attention. It was only when he was fully convinced of the hopelessness of his own case, that he displayed any thought for his brothers.

Oh, the bitter scenes that are witnessed continually at the bedsides of dying loved ones, and at funeral services. How dreadful when the awful truth dawns on those left behind that the deceased was not saved!

But then it is too late! Now is the time to get the burden of their lost condition. Now is the time to travail with tears and pleadings for their salvation. What if the true attitude and emotion of the man in hell as he pleads for his brothers came to the heart of every child of God today? No doubt

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it would result in the greatest spiritual awakening and ingathering of souls the world has ever witnessed.

The real truth is that we have endeavored to substitute various man-made devices for genuine soul travail. The result is our own impoverishment and barrenness. This tendency on the part of modern evangelistic effort is undoubtedly the reason for much shallowness and spiritual impotency among believers. No wonder the infant mortality rate is so high (spiritually speaking) after some campaigns! The essential travail has not been operative and the result is an improperly born child, subject to a thousand weaknesses and not having the stamina to survive them.

But oh, how different is that convert who is saved as a direct result of someone's soul travail! Some godly mother or father; some saintly wife; someone has held on to God in tears and agony until the loved one was snatched as a "brand from the burning." With the holy resolution of Jacob, they cried, "I will not let thee go, except. . . ."

Back of this spirit of travail must exist the true conviction that the brands *are* in danger of burning. In other words, we need a clear vision of the sure judgment of God upon sin and sinners, even though they be our own flesh and blood.

We are in danger today of being inoculated with the subtle philosophy of modern Bloodless cults and isms. They have a sentimental conception of a God of love who would never leave any of His creatures in hell! As in Jesus'

time men today are still making the word of God of none effect through [their] tradition" (Mark 7:13).

But that Christian who is truly identified with his Lord, and has the mind of Christ, will possess the attitude of God toward the sinner. This is epitomized in the scriptures, "Turn ye, turn ye, for why will ye die?" and, "When he beheld the city, he wept over it."

It might interest the religious sentimentalist to observe that the man in hell was now completely convinced of the doctrine of repentance. He pleaded with Abraham, "If one went unto them from the dead, they will repent." What mockery, that a man in hell should preach repentance! Seeing things now in their true light, he fully realized that if his brothers were to be spared from sharing his fate they must repent. Not morality, nor personal religious views, nor any other self-generated virtue can keep men from hell! Nothing but repentance unto salvation will suffice!

The responsibility of the believer then is clear: to pray the conviction that leads to repentance upon the hearts and consciences of our loved ones and all men. This cannot be accomplished by the feeble and burdenless recitation of words that many of us consider prayer. It comes only by "fervent (intense) effectual prayer." Such prayer emanates from a heart that knows the "fellowship of his sufferings."

God grant that a deep-seated concern for all unsaved, including those dear to us, may envelop our lives.

"Why Don't You Ask Me?"

by PAUL ERB

An exchange tells of a salesman who was demonstrating a bacon cutter to a grocer. To all his questions as to whether the machine, a good investment, would increase the sales of bacon, the grocer answered in the affirmative. "Then why don't you buy one?" asked the salesman. And the grocer answered, "Why don't you ask me?"

A businessman once told an evangelist that a man had been in his employ for thirty years, and he had never said one thing to this man about his becoming a Christian. The evangelist urged him to

speaking to this man the very next morning. The businessman promised he would. He found it very difficult to break the silence of thirty years. But finally he said: "I want to talk to you about your soul! I want you to give yourself to Jesus Christ, and live for Him!" His employee, after a moment's silence, said with tears, "For years I have wanted you to talk to me about my soul. I will ask Jesus to come into my life, and I will go with you to church Sunday and publicly confess my faith in Him." (Continued on next page)

Are there many sales that are not made because no one tries to sell? Are there many souls outside of Christ because no one has asked them to come in? Are we mistaken in our hesitancy to give the Christian invitation? We think people will resent it, when more likely they will appreciate it. No doubt there are many non-Christians who cannot understand why we are so slow to speak in behalf of the Saviour whom we claim to believe in so devoutly, whom we profess to follow so faithfully. A fisherman who never casts a net or throws in a line will never catch a fish.

When did you last invite someone to Christ? Is it because you have had no opportunities? Shall someone whose life touched yours have to say, "No one ever asked me to be a Christian"? Has the habit of silence about your religion so sealed your lips that you simply cannot find the words to say? Has Satan given you such a fear as to stifle the witness of your tongue? Does day follow day, opportunity follow opportunity, and still you have not said the word of invitation and encouragement which someone has the right to expect from you? Have you neighbors who actually wonder whether they would be welcome at your church? Do perhaps even members of your family wonder why you do not show more concern for their spiritual welfare?

You wonder why so many people live without Christ in their lives. Perhaps they wonder why no one asks them to admit Him. You think, "Why don't you?" Many of them are silently entreating, "Ask me."

— *Gospel Herald*

HUMILITY

Humility is perfect quietness of heart. It is to have no trouble.

It is never to be fretted, or vexed, or sore, or disappointed.

It is to expect nothing for myself, to wonder at nothing that is done to me, to feel nothing done against me.

It is to be at rest when nobody praises me, and when I am blamed or despised. It is to have a blessed home in the Lord, where I can go in and shut the door, and kneel to my Father in secret, and be at peace as in a deep sea of calmness, when all around and above is trouble.

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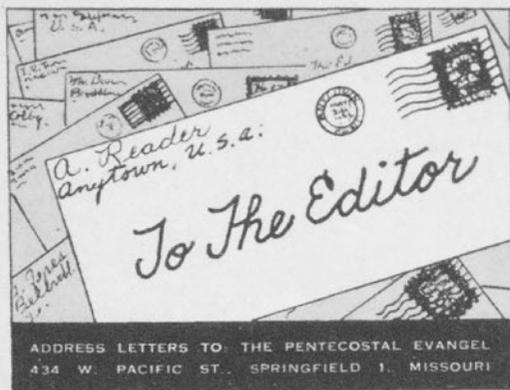
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Eternal Security

I wish to commend you for printing that excellent article (*Eternal Security: Is It Unconditional?*) in your August 12 EVANGEL.

LERROY GINGERIEL
Mennonite Minister
Versailles, Mo.

Appreciates Gift

I have just received my first copies of THE PENTECOSTAL EVANGEL. I am delighted with the gift and am writing to ask you who has been kind enough to subscribe to the EVANGEL for me. Will you please give me the name and address in order that I might personally write and thank them? If the donor wishes to remain anonymous, will you then write them and express my thanks?

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NAME WITHHELD
(Methodist Minister)

"Testing the Spirits"

The article, "Testing the Spirits" (June 3) by Brother Riggs was very timely and should be published in tract form and distributed among our people for their guidance and safety.

I should like to say that the EVANGEL has been improved tremendously not only in size but in the quality of articles it contains. We are currently in a campaign endeavoring to enlist the members of our church as subscribers to the EVANGEL.

HENRY H. NESS, Pastor
First Church, Assembly of God
Oakland, Calif.

"Tract Preacher" Passes On

Your article "Every Christian a Preacher—With Tracts" (issue of August 12) seemed providentially timed to commemorate Nikita Nicholas) Bibik who passed on to be with the Lord on August 8.

Brother Bibik, a Russian immigrant, came to the United States in 1913 and was converted through a gospel tract about fifteen years ago. He was small of stature, whiskered, white haired, zealous and spry at 73 years of age. Since his English was poor he made full use of spreading the gospel through tracts, old Evangelists, old Sunday School papers, etc. He traveled throughout the U.S. by faith, denying himself, using all money given him to buy tracts. His only regret was, "Why wasn't I converted earlier in life so I could do more for the Lord Jesus?"

ALEX M. BOGDANOFF
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PASTOR R. J. BOYD
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Likes Revival Reports

We do appreciate the weekly reports of revival meetings in the EVANGEL. In fact, we think the EVANGEL is greatly improved. I do not think that any magazine can compare with it.

PASTOR HAROLD E. HILL
Assembly of God
Truth or Consequences, N. Mex.

Wonderful Articles

I certainly do appreciate the news items, the healing testimonies, and all the wonderful articles. General Superintendent Riggs' column is always inspirational. I also liked Brother Johnson's article on faith, "A Milestone to Victory." It was a great help and encouragement to me.

I pray that the Lord will continue to use the EVANGEL to win souls, encourage believers, and give everyone a deeper hunger for the things of God. There is something for everyone in each issue and we certainly do look forward to each one.

MRS. J. A. SIMMONS
Goshen, Indiana

"Dr. Luke's Second Letter"

I just finished reading "Dr. Luke's Second Letter" in the August 5 EVANGEL.

May I call your attention to two statements in the article which have no scriptural basis? One: "The story begins with eleven men huddled in a secluded room." My Bible says 120. Two: Speaking of Paul he says, "He was a man with some sort of a physical handicap." Where does the Scripture relate this? The question I wish to raise is, do we dare compromise our doctrine with those who make the Baptism of the Holy Ghost for the apostles only and with those who say it is God's will for some Christians to be sick, citing as a proof Paul's "thorn in the flesh"?

We do enjoy the enlarged EVANGEL and read it thoroughly every week.

BLANCHE L. MORKEN
Antelope, Mont.

● We appreciate Sister Morken's thoughts and the spirit in which they are presented. However, in fairness to the author, Dr. Stifler, we must point out that the Book of Acts does not begin in the Upper Room—it begins with Jesus talking to His disciples **before** His ascension. The author does not infer that only the eleven apostles received the Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost. The Scripture plainly records that there were 120 present, and that they "were **all** filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues."

As to Paul's thorn, the subject is controversial, but many Bible scholars believe that it was some sort of physical infirmity. The problem of why all people are not healed can hardly be related very closely to Paul's thorn in the flesh, for we doubt if any of us have had the revelations that Paul had so that God would give us a thorn!

Finger Straightened

In August 1922 I was operating a cotton gin, when I accidentally got my right hand caught in a gin stand. My whole hand was badly cut, and the middle finger was mangled and split to the bone on both sides.

A doctor was called, who dressed the hand, but he didn't put a splint on the finger, as he felt it wasn't necessary. When the wounds finally healed, my finger was left in a crooked position, at about a 45 degree angle, and it was impossible for me to straighten it. At times it seemed to have no feeling, and at other times it pained me severely. I was resigned to the fact that I would never again be able to use that finger or even straighten it.

I had been a member of a Baptist church since 1917, and thought I was a Christian. I did my best to live a good, moral life, but one night in November 1955, while attending a revival at the First Assembly of God in Bogalusa, I realized I had never been saved. That night the Lord wonderfully came into my heart and saved me. I have missed only two or three services at the Assembly since then, even though I am a conductor on a train and work long hours. I must rise about 3:00 in the morning, and many times have come in so late in the evening that I went to church in my work clothes.

One Wednesday night last April, after I had gone home from church, my finger began to pain me severely. I finally went to sleep, but woke up with my finger hurting so I could hardly bear the pain. I got up and knelt by my bed, and asked the Lord to touch my finger and ease the pain. I then went back to bed, and fell asleep.

The next day as I was writing I happened to notice my finger. Ordinarily I could not have let my injured finger touch the pencil when I wrote. I looked, and saw that my "crooked" finger was now just as straight as the others. I found I could move it just as I could the others. The Lord had straightened that finger, after it had been crooked for 34 years! Relatives and friends have noticed it, and asked me what happened. How happy I have been to tell them that the Lord still heals today!—O. A. Bennett, 519 Superior Ave., Bogalusa, La.

(Endorsed by Pastor R. D. Jones,
First Assembly of God, Bogalusa, La.)

A Woman's Gift

by ALEXANDER LINDSAY, Revere, Mass.

WOMEN HAD A VERY PROMINENT PLACE IN THE LIFE OF Christ. The Bible records the fact that certain holy women followed Him and ministered to Him out of their substance. We all know that God conferred upon the Virgin Mary the great honor of bringing His Son into the world.

With the exception of Mary, the mother of Jesus, perhaps no woman played as important a part in the life of Christ as Mary of Bethany. She is known by this name because she and her sister Martha lived in Bethany. The Lord had raised their brother Lazarus from the dead.

Six days before the Passover (just before His crucifixion) Jesus was passing through Bethany. Simon prepared a supper for Him, and Martha served. It was at this supper that Mary did something for which she will always be remembered. While Jesus was reclining at the table, Mary brought her alabaster box, broke it, and anointed Him with the precious ointment (John 12:3).

It was purely a woman's gift. No one but a woman would ever have thought of giving Jesus a gift like that. It was an expression of her love. Out of the fulness of her heart she gave to Jesus the most precious thing she possessed.

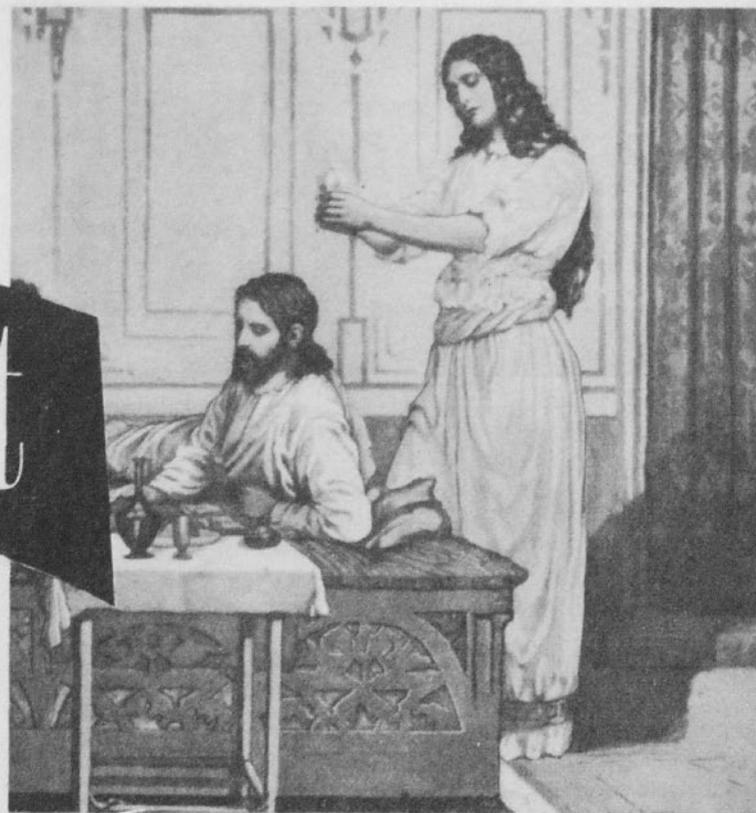
What was the result of this action upon the onlookers? Did they applaud Mary for her generous, loving act? No, far from it! Good actions sometimes are criticized. What pleases God often displeases man. Judas asked why such a waste was made; why wasn't the ointment sold and the money given to the poor?

People who truly love the Lord, as Mary did, have always been criticized by the cold-hearted professors of religion—and always will be. Such critics have no real love for Christ themselves and so cannot understand the kindly deeds and sacrifices that others make when they are constrained by the love of Jesus.

Judas said it was a waste—as though anything could be wasted that was given to Jesus! It is not what we give to Jesus but what we keep to satisfy our own selfish desires that is wasted!

Some criticized her, but Jesus commended her—and we don't mind the critics when we are on God's side. "Let her alone," He said. "Why trouble ye her? . . . She is come

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aforehand to anoint my body to the burying" (Mark 14:6, 8).

It is recorded that after Jesus was dead, other women came to the sepulchre bringing sweet spices, intending to anoint Him. *But they were too late.* They found the sepulchre empty; Jesus was gone. Why do we wait until our friends are dead before we show them our sympathy and love?

Like Mary, all of us have an alabaster box which we can give to Jesus or keep for ourselves. Our alabaster box is what we hold most dear; it is that thing which is most precious to us.

The Bible is largely an account of men and women who have given or withheld their alabaster boxes. To Abraham, it was his only son, Isaac. To the rich young ruler, it was money. To Demas, it was love for the world.

We all have an alabaster box. If we keep it for ourselves and make an idol of it, it will rob us of God's best. The only way to get God's best is to give Him our best; for if we give Him our alabaster box, as Mary did, it will prove to be one of the best investments we can possibly make.

Who received the most from the ointment? If Mary had used it on herself, the fragrance would have been lost in a few hours. *But because she gave it to Jesus, it still scents the air.* Jesus said that wherever the gospel was preached, her deed would be spoken of as a memorial of her.

We must remember that it is not great gifts that count with Christ—it is great love. Our love determines whether we will give or not, for if we love, we give! "God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son." Jesus gave His all for us when He died on Calvary—because He loved us.

If we love, we cannot help giving, for loving and giving go together.

Love is the filling from one's own to another's cup;
Love is a daily laying down and taking up;
A choosing of the stony path through each new day,
That other feet may tread at ease the smoother way.
Love is not blind, but looks abroad through other's eyes,
And asks not, "Must I give?" but, "may I sacrifice?"