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Israel's Predicament

The State of Israel has had to swallow some bitter pills since last October. First came the United Nations command to give back all the territory she had captured in the war against Egypt. Then came the threat of sanctions. Israel was embittered by the fact that all the leniency in the heart of the UN seemed to be directed towards Russia, Egypt, and the Arab nations. No threats of sanctions against those nations for their violations of international law, but only against Israel. Evidently they were too big, too hard to handle, whereas little Israel was at the mercy of the UN so it could be pressured to help salve a bad UN conscience.

An especially bitter pill for Israel was the attitude taken by her best friend, the U.S., in all these developments. Instead of forcing Egypt and the other Arab nations to cease hostilities against Israel and negotiate a peace, the U. S. voted to censure Israel for her attack, then proceeded to show more friendliness for the Arabs than ever. The king of Arabia was cordially entertained by U. S. leaders and was promised arms. And other Arab nations, meanwhile, were getting more and more military help from Russia.

It appears that Israel by her rash decision to attack Egypt, is in a worse predicament today than she was six months ago. Her action has drawn Arabs and Russians closer together, and may have hastened the day when Soviet armies shall actually invade Israel, as predicted in Ezekiel 38. Israel will find that fighting the well-disciplined armies "out of the uttermost parts of the north" is not like fighting the easy-going troops from the sands of Egypt. Israel probably will find herself hopelessly outnumbered and overpowered apart from divine intervention. The Bible speaks of a miraculous deliverance from heaven, "an overflowing rain, and great hailstone, fire, and brimstone." God has His own secret weapons in reserve for that battle.

Some of Israel's leaders, notably David Ben-Gurion, are avid students of the Scriptures. Ben-Gurion once made the statement that "Ezekiel 37 has been fulfilled, and the nation of Israel is hearing the footsteps of the Messiah." If only he understood the Bible prophecies aright, and realized how God through the centuries has been trying to humble the Jews and get them to call on Him for salvation, surely he would call the nation to prayer. In Israel's dire predicament, the Lord will arise and say, "I am against thee, O Gog." He will rescue Israel by crushing the armies of Russia in His chosen land. After that, the Israelis will turn to the Lord in true repentance and will acknowledge that their security lies not in guns but in God.

We need to pray for the people of Israel, that more and more of them will repent and call on the Lord for personal salvation. As individuals they are no more privileged than others. There is no difference in God's sight between a Jewish sinner and a Gentile sinner. The reason the apostle Paul said that the gospel was "to the Jew first" (Romans 1:16) was because judgment for sin was determined upon the soul "of the Jew first" (Romans 2:9). All human beings alike need to accept Jesus Christ as their Saviour and Lord, otherwise they are eternally lost. And this, after all, is Israel's greatest predicament.

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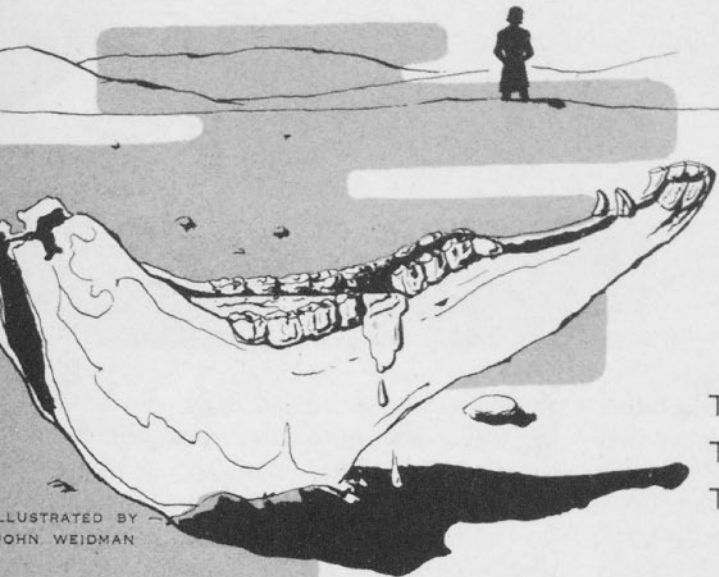
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DON'T DISCARD the JAWBONE

THE TOUCH OF GOD WILL BRING NEW LIFE INTO YOUR TESTIMONY, YOUR TEACHING, YOUR SONG. DON'T THROW IT AWAY!



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BY C. M. WARD

ONE OF THE STRANGEST STORIES in the Bible is recorded in Judges 15: 15-19. The account goes like this: "And he found a new jawbone of an ass, and put forth his hand, and took it, and slew a thousand men therewith. And Samson said, With the jawbone of an ass, heaps upon heaps, with the jaw of an ass have I slain a thousand men. And it came to pass, when he had made an end of speaking, that he cast away the jawbone out of his hand, and called that place Ramath-lehi.

"And he was sore athirst, and called on the Lord, and said, Thou hast given this great deliverance into the hand of thy servant: and now shall I die for thirst, and fall into the hand of the uncircumcised? But God clave an hollow place that was in the jaw, and there came water thereout; and when he had drunk, his spirit came again, and he revived: wherefore he called the name thereof En-hakkore, which is in Lehi unto this day."

The temptation to *discard* is a big one. We reach a conclusion that certain things have outlived their usefulness. *We become bored.* Staleness stifles us. The romance in any job soon rubs away, and it becomes just plain work. What starts out to be exciting soon becomes routine.

You remember the record kept by a bookkeeper who stayed home while his wife went out for the day!

Opened door for children 106 times.
Closed door for children 106 times.
Tied their shoes 16 times.
Rescued baby who is learning to creep 21 times.
Told two-year-old Georgie "don't" 94 times.
Stopped quarrels 16 times.
Spread bread and butter and jelly 11 times.
Issued cookies 28 times.
Answered telephone 7 times.
Answered questions 145 times.
Stumped by questions 175 times.
Lost temper 45 times.
Ran after children about 4½ miles.

We soon learn that the other person has difficulties too, and that their task can be as hum-drum as our own. *Life is a taskmaster.* There is work to do.

Believers can lay aside their testimonies. They can say, "Everybody has heard me relate this experience over and over. There's nothing left to tell." Ministers can "cast away" sermons that have been used by God to win great victories. They can say, "The last time I preached that message I felt no life. I've worn it thin." Singers can always be reaching for something that is new. They can say, "Styles and moods have changed. People don't want the old hymns any more. They want exciting, new arrangements. I'll retire the old favorites." All of us in public life can say, "The 'jawbone' isn't what it used to be." *The sense of weariness overcomes the best of God's servants.* No one can help feeling at least once, "I'd be happy if I should never have to preach again," or, "I think I'll give up my Sunday School class at the end of this quarter," or, "I hope they will appoint someone else to be treasurer for the church this time. I've counted

and wrapped enough dimes and quarters." *Victories and challenges of yesterday have lost their grip.* The tendency is to look around for something new.

But it says of Samson, "...he was sore athirst, and called on the Lord."

Many years ago I was a young singer and musician—a member of an evangelistic party accompanying my father, Elder A. G. Ward. We were in the midst of summer campaigns up and down the Pacific Coast, and had arrived at Glad Tidings Temple, San Francisco. I was troubled spiritually. Travel had ceased to be exciting. Crowds were tiresome. The round of services had become exacting. Schedules seemed like taunting jail-keepers. I had heard my father's sermons. He had heard our songs. I found myself "sore athirst." I felt backslidden, uninterested in the religion that deep within my heart I knew I loved. What was the matter, and what could I do about it? I "called on the Lord." Brother and Sister Craig were still alive in 1927 and directing the affairs of the Temple, with a staff of veteran soul-winners. I remember an elderly sister, in charge of the prison work, coming to me, and saying, "Would you young men join our jail workers' group this Sunday morning, early, and sing and play for the inmates?" My first reaction wasn't what it should have been, and not what it would have been normally. I was tired singing songs, and packing and unpacking musical instruments. This seemed to be the last straw—a jail service very early on Sunday morning. But discipline and ethics made me reply, "Yes,

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"Take heed to your spirit, and let none deal treacherously against the wife of his youth. For the Lord, the God of Israel, saith that he hateth *putting away*" (Malachi 2:15, 16).

The General Superintendent Speaks

DIVORCE and Remarriage



THE USUAL DISCUSSION ABOUT DIVORCE and remarriage does not go back far enough. Possibly the greatest sin about the whole problem is the putting away in the first place. It is the putting away that breaks the union between two hearts and lives which had been made one according to God's plan; and this creates ruptured fragments of lives. These broken pieces sometimes seek a mending by attachment to other broken pieces, or to incompleting lives, and the result is usually a patched-up affair unsatisfactory to God or men.

Many times small children are cut off from parental love and care, and thus are starved and incomplete socially. Here is the root cause of much juvenile delinquency. Married couples should not break up in the first place. It is a tragic fatal step in the wrong direction. God calls "*Halt*" right there. If there were no putting away, there would be no problem about remarriage. It appears that the Lord is as displeased about the putting away as He is about the remarriage. He "*hates*" it. What harder thing can He say?

Marriage is a divinely ordained institution. It was created and established by God Himself. Its direct, primary objective, of course, is the happiness, purity, and perpetuity of mankind. Unobtrusive as it is, however, another great purpose of setting up and maintaining marriage and the home is the illustration and demonstration it affords of the relation of God to His children. "Like as a father pitieth his children, so the Lord pitieth them that fear him" (Psalm 103:13). "If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask Him?" (Luke 11:13). "Can a woman forget her sucking child, that she should not have compassion on the son of her womb? yea, they may forget, yet will I not forget

thee" (Isaiah 49:15). Like as a father—and how much more! A mother may forget, but not God! The desecration and violation of the happy human home spoils the picture of the heavenly home and the relationship of our Heavenly Father to His earthly children. This is more serious to God than we think. It strikes at Him personally!

How hurt God must be today with the constant "dealing treacherously with the wife of thy youth" when His Son is so faithful to His bride. How He must hate the incessant "putting away" so common in American life today, when He loves with an everlasting love.

Jesus said, "From the beginning of the creation God made them male and female. For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and cleave to his wife; and they twain shall be one flesh: so then they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder" (Mark 10:6-8). This is the eternal edict. "Thou shalt not commit adultery" is one of the great commandments. Indeed Moses, for the hardness of their hearts, permitted them to write a bill of divorcement. But from the beginning it was not so.

Five times in the New Testament the Lord emblazoned His law on the sacred pages:

1. "Whosoever shall put away his wife, and marry another, committeth adultery against her. And if a woman shall put away her husband and be married to another, she committeth adultery" (Mark 10:11, 12).

2. "Whosoever putteth away his wife, and marrieth another, committeth adultery: and whosoever marrieth her that is put away from her husband committeth adultery" (Luke 16:18).

3. "For the woman which hath an husband is bound by the law to her husband so long as he liveth; but if the husband be dead, she is loosed

from the law of her husband. So then if, while her husband liveth, she be married to another man, she shall be called an adulteress: but if her husband be dead, she is free from that law; so that she is not an adulteress, though she be married to another man" (Romans 7:2, 3).

4. "... Let not the wife depart from her husband: but and if she depart, let her remain unmarried, or be reconciled to her husband: and let not the husband put away his wife" (1 Corinthians 7:10, 11).

5. "The wife is bound by the law as long as her husband liveth; but if her husband be dead, she is at liberty to be married to whom she will; only in the Lord." (1 Corinthians 7:39). Here, repeated five times over, is God's Word declared in the most unequivocal and categorical manner. "What... God hath joined together, let not man put asunder." Shall we not accept this law as final and abide by it?

There are two other Scriptures in the New Testament in which our Lord refers to the matter of divorce and remarriage. One is Matthew 5:32: "Whosoever shall put away his wife, saving for the cause of fornication, causeth her to commit adultery: and whosoever shall marry her that is divorced committeth adultery." Here again is the rule that it is wrong to divorce a wife and wrong to marry one who is divorced. An exception is here noted that a man may divorce his wife if she was found to have been loose in her morals before he married her. ("Fornication" specifically means sexual sin *before* marriage.) Remarriage is not approved in this scripture. Here is the sixth flat statement that it is wrong to remarry after divorce.

The seventh and last New Testament reference to divorce and remarriage is Matthew 19:9: "Whosoever shall put away his wife, except it be for fornication,

tion, and shall marry another, committeth adultery: and whoso marrieth her which is put away doth commit adultery." This scripture, as it appears in our translation, is capable of several interpretations. First, it can be taken as a repetition of Matthew 5:32, allowing divorce on the ground of premarital unfaithfulness. In an indirect, inferential way it can also be taken to allow remarriage if the divorce was on those grounds. It is certainly not an unequivocal statement that remarriage is scriptural if one party had been guilty of fornication. Even this passage contains the definite statement, "Whoso marrieth her which is put away doth commit adultery."

A fundamental law of hermeneutics (the science of interpretation) is the "tenor of teaching," or the "consensus of opinion." It requires that all scriptures on a given point be weighed together, and the tenor of the whole teaching be taken as the teaching of the Bible. Jesus used this law on the mount of temptation when He said, "It is written again" (Matthew 4:7). Our summary here is that all these seven scriptures say flatly that it is wrong to remarry after divorce. Two of them permit divorce for fornication. One of them inferentially seems to allow remarriage after divorce for fornication. The *tenor* of the teaching is that it is wrong to remarry after divorce for any reason. Let us be fair with God's Word and accept its overwhelming consensus.

God made one wife for one man in Eden. He there pronounced the eternal law that a man should leave his father and mother and cleave to his wife, and that they TWO should be one flesh. After a weakening of this law in Moses' time, Jesus restored it back to its original form and authority. Some in this day have taken His gracious provision for divorce for those who find they have married an unclean person, and have attempted to force wide open a disastrous and destructive breach in His positive statements so often repeated. We must come to God's Word with a pure and honest mind. Let us take all of it. We must not argue against God for any reason. Let us accept what He says without reservation or hesitation.

Russ Riggs

March 3, 1957

The Talking Book



By C. H. Spurgeon

"When thou awakest, it shall talk with thee" (Proverbs 6:22).

IT IS A VERY HAPPY CIRCUMSTANCE when the commandment of our father and the law of our mother are also the commandment of God and the law of the Lord. Happy are they who have a double force to draw them to the right—the bonds of nature, and the cords of grace. They who do despite to the tender obligations of childhood, as well as to the commands of conscience and God, sin both against a father on earth and the greater Father in heaven, and they exhibit a virulence and a violence of sin.

Solomon, in the passage before us, evidently speaks of those who find in the parents' law and in God's law the same thing, and he admonishes such to bind the law of God about their heart, and to tie it about their neck, by these words indicating inward affection and open avowal.

In order that we may be persuaded to love God's Word, Solomon gives us three good reasons for doing so. He says that God's law, by which I understand the whole Scripture, and especially the gospel of Jesus Christ, will be a guide to us: "When thou goest, it shall lead thee." It will be a guardian to us: "When thou sleepest, it shall keep thee." And it shall be a dear companion to us: "When thou awakest, it shall talk with thee."

I prefer, in this message, to keep to the third reason for loving God's Word. It is this, that it becomes our sweet companion: "When thou awakest, it shall talk with thee."

THE WORD IS LIVING

How else could it be said: "It shall talk with thee"? A dead book cannot talk, nor can a dumb book speak. It is clearly a living Book, "the word of God liveth and abideth for ever."

A large proportion of human books have long been dead, and even shriveled

like Egyptian mummies; the mere course of years has rendered them worthless, their teaching is disproved, and they have no life for us. Entomb them in your public libraries if you will, but henceforth they will stir no man's pulse and warm no man's heart.

But this thrice-blessed Book of God, though it has been extant among us these many hundreds of years, is immortal in its life, unwithering in its strength. The dew of its youth is still upon it. Its speech still drops as the rain fresh from heaven. Its truths are overflowing fountains of ever-fresh consolation. Never a book spoke like this Book.

THE WORD IS PERSONAL

"It shall talk with thee." God's Word talks about men, and about modern men. It speaks of us and of these latter days, as precisely as if it had only appeared this last week. It deals with us, with the business of today, with the way sin may be forgiven and our souls brought at once into union with Christ.

When we become the children of God the Book talks to us wondrously. We no sooner know our Father than this dear Book comes at once as a love letter from the far-off country, signed with our own Father's hand and perfumed with our Father's love.

The Holy Scripture is very familiar. "When thou awakest, it shall talk with thee." Conversation signifies fellowship, communion, familiarity.

How familiar the Book is as to all that concerns us. It talks about flesh, and my corruptions, and my sins, as only one who knew me could speak. It talks of my trials in the wisest way. It does not speak to me unpractically, and scold me, and look down upon me from an awful height of stern perfection, as if it were an angel and could

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Falling Blossoms

THE BEAUTIFUL BLOSSOMS OF SPRING MUST FALL TO THE
GROUND TO MAKE WAY FOR SOMETHING BETTER

BY GEORGE E. HOLMES

IF YOU ARE FORTUNATE ENOUGH TO have fruit trees in your garden you eagerly wait for that annual miracle—the rising of the sap and the bursting of the shoots. Soon after the turn of the year you look hopefully towards those black, apparently lifeless limbs and twigs, so as to spot the first signs of life that tell of a coming spring.

In the garden I know best, a peach tree bravely shows its exquisite pink blossom first. It is rather surprising that year after year in our uncertain climate this native of warmer lands is among the first to relieve our wintry outlook with its delicate hue.

EPHEMERAL LOVELINESS

After the peach the other blossoms follow in quick succession: cherry, pear, plum, and apple, transfiguring the garden into a spring paradise and making even the drab town streets boulevards of beauty. Nature hastens to show its

triumph over winter's hold. It shouts and laughs and frolics like a beautiful prisoner set free.

This delightful sight does not remain with us for long. We should like to enjoy it for a few months longer, but the blossoms attain their splendid zenith and then hurriedly depart. They fade and fall, and the ground near each tree is covered with nature's spring edition of snow. It is disappointing. We could well ask, why cannot this beauty remain? And this is what the disciples of Christ and the humble people of the towns and villages probably thought about that perfect blossom—the life of our Lord. The grace of His character, the beneficence of His ministry, His smile, His gentleness, His compassion, and selflessness showed up against the cold, lifeless background of an unreal religion and an all-but-prophetless age. Grace and truth blossomed as never before in the days of His flesh, warming

the hearts of the old and inspiring the spirits of the young. Yet scarcely had it reached its zenith when the blossoms fell. Around the tree to which He was nailed by callous hands, all the winds of bitterness and hatred blew in concentrated malignity, and the bloom fell to the ground, a memory of a happy past.

FRUITFUL BOUGHS

Why could not this beauty remain? we ask through our tears, as the cheering blossom of some loved one falls to the earth. Here was a life of spiritual maturity and practical usefulness that reached its zenith in a few short years. We had predicted a great future for our friend, yet almost before we had taken time to appreciate him, he fell to earth and was soon under it. Would it not seem wise to learn to prize such blossoms while they are with us? We shall do well to appreciate the "gift of the grace of God given unto them."

Falling blossom is a sad sight; yet there is another way of regarding it. Blossom is beautiful; it has decked itself with its dainty cloak. It has but reached a stage in its development. Those blossoms make the tree like a bride adorned for her husband. They attract the bees through whom, after fertilization, they become fruitfully productive. When its duty is fulfilled the blossom fades away in order to make room for fruit. So our question receives a satisfactory answer. The beautiful blossom cannot remain because it is only serving a temporary purpose in nature. The real purpose is the bearing of fruit.

THE FRUIT OF CALVARY

Although the people of Christ's day may not have understood the meaning of His death, we are privileged to see its great importance. In God's great wisdom it was not the beautiful human life of Christ that is the cause of our salvation, but the laying down of that life in sacrificial and atoning value. His human life was as necessary to His death as the blossom is to the fruit; but inasmuch as the purpose of the tree is to bear fruit, so the purpose of Christ's incarnation was to be able, ultimately, to give His life a ransom for sinners. He shall see of the travail of His soul and shall be satisfied. The fruit is seen in the lives of those so redeemed, and will be appreciated in its perfection when time shall be no more.

But what of the attractive life of that young man or woman that graced our house or our church? Why was he taken? The answer is similar; the blossom has fallen but the fruit is developing in the lives of those still living, and will be seen more fully in the time of reward.

LIFE OUT OF DEATH

This principle might be stated in another way. The blossom belongs to the tree, but the fruit belongs to the race. If the tree bore nothing more than blossoms it would live for itself alone; but in producing its fruit it knows an enlargement outside itself. It increases by giving: it lives more fully by dying. A realization of this principle has prompted and sustained those lives of self-sacrifice which brighten the pages of history, and which shame the self-seeking and self-assertiveness of today.

Live for self, you live in vain;
Live for Christ, you live again.

GAIN OUT OF LOSS

One final glance at the matter will bring us another thought. Although most of the blossom falls, a tiny portion remains. The remaining fraction becomes a part—and an important part—of the fruit to be. There is certainly loss, but a loss turned to gain. The tree loses an adornment that is good but it gains a fullness that is better. "Thus it behooved Christ to suffer—that repentance and remission of sins (the fruit) should be preached in His name among all nations."

Jesus said, "It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away the Comforter will not come unto you."

As children of God it is of the greatest consolation to know that our Heavenly Father sanctifies our losses so that they reappear as gains.

"Oh, for trust that brings me triumph,
When defeat seems strangely near!
Oh, for faith that changes fighting
Into victory's ringing cheer!
Faith triumphant!
Knowing not defeat or fear."

Fallen blossoms—fruitful boughs. ◀◀



HEALING TESTIMONIES

"I AM THE LORD THAT HEALETH THEE" (EXODUS 15:26)

Delivered From Diabetes

I had been suffering for eight years with sugar diabetes and was on a strict diet. Each morning I had to give myself a shot of insulin, and the doctor said I would have to do this the rest of my life. I was prayed for, but couldn't seem to get delivered.

But on February 26, 1955, our faithful pastor, C. W. Tucker, and his wife along with others prayed for me and I was healed. After this I was examined by the family doctor, and his report was negative each time.

It has been two years since this healing, and it still stands. I give God all the glory for this wonderful miracle.—Mrs. Elizabeth Waldrop, Route 1, Beckville, Texas.

(Endorsed by C. W. Tucker, Pastor, First Assembly of God, Beckville, Texas)

Healed of Cancer

Early in October, 1956, after I had spent several days in the hospital, my doctor told me that I had cancer. He said I would have to be in a cancer hospital for at least six or eight weeks and take at least thirty X-ray treatments.

The following Sunday morning I attended my church, the Davis Crossing Assembly of God. My Christian brothers and sisters and the pastor of the church offered special prayer for my healing that morning.

On October 23, 1956, I went to the cancer hospital to keep the appointment made for me by my doctor, but believing that my Lord had healed me.

On November 2, I awoke about 5:30 a.m. hearing beautiful music and the voice of my Saviour saying, "It won't be long." Just then I passed something from my body which I know was the

cancer. A few days later I left the hospital without having had any treatments of any kind.

Six weeks later I returned for a checkup, which proved that I was completely well. Praise God for His wonderful healing power.—Mrs. Melba Lawson, Leadwood, Mo.

(Endorsed by Vern Stoughton, Pastor, Davis Crossing Assembly of God, Elvins, Missouri.)

Skin Ailment Clears

I want to praise the Lord for healing a terrible skin condition which I had for five and a half years. My whole system had become run down. I had begun to lose weight. The doctor told me there was no more he could do, and that he was going to send me to a skin specialist. My hands at that time were covered with open, running sores and were burning with fever.

On October 9, 1956, Brother and Sister Stoughton prayed for me in my home, and I was healed by the mighty power of God. From that moment the sores on my hands began to heal. Within three or four days all of the sores were gone. In the past three months I have gained eleven pounds. Praise His wonderful name! —Mrs. Mabel Reeves, Bismarck, Missouri.

(Endorsed by Vern Stoughton, Pastor, Davis Crossing Assembly of God, Elvins, Missouri.)

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WAS THE PREACHER IN ANY WAY RESPONSIBLE
FOR BEN'S DEATH BY NEGLECTING TO WIN HIM?

ON A CLEAR, COLD SUNDAY MORNING Ben Whitefeather walked over to the old drive-shed and helped his father hitch up the team for the usual trip to church. The old man looked fondly at his son. Ben was strong, kind-hearted—a fine boy, *if only he would leave the drink alone.*

"Going with us to church, Ben?" his father half pleaded.

"No, Dad. I guess not. Maybe some other time—I promised to meet the fellows in town today."

The old man said nothing, but his shoulders drooped a little as he climbed into the wagon beside his wife. Ben leaned on the gate and watched them drive off. "Too bad to disappoint Dad," he mused. "I'll go to the mission again one of these days."

Ben had gone to the mission only once. He remembered the spotless little

hall, and the music, and the warm handclasp of Pete Ambrose, the missionary. Pete had looked squarely at Ben as he told of God's love for the Indians.

Ben felt once more the longing that had filled his heart as he listened to the gospel. Some day he must know more about this Christ who died to save him—but not today. The gang would be waiting at Nick's Place. After a few games of pool they would make the usual rounds of the saloons. But Ben vowed that this time he would not get drunk. Only one or two drinks and he'd leave. No use making Mom and Dad miserable.

He whistled for his horse, and in a few seconds was on its back riding toward town.

Eight hours later, Sheriff Baine's car pulled to a stop in the Whitefeath-

ers' yard. With trembling hands, old Jim laid down his copy of the *Evangel* and went to the door.

"Sorry to bring bad news, Jim," the sheriff said, "but your boy Ben was picked up this afternoon. Him and a bunch of other Indians had too much to drink. They started a fight with some Negroes. Some of them were cut pretty bad but Ben will be okay. He's in the Indian jail."

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It was after sundown when young Ben sobered enough to know what was going on. He was sitting on the edge of a hard bunk, gazing bleary-eyed at a tiny shaft of light from a narrow window—then he remembered what had happened. He had failed again; miserably failed. His tired eyes traveled across the dusty cell. Spider webs hung curtainlike from the dark ceiling. The walls were smeared with vulgar writings of former prisoners. On a box beside his bed sat the basket of food his mother had sent. Ben forced back the tears. *Mom always loved him, no matter what he did.*

He picked up a Sunday school paper that Pete had left, and tried to read, but the light was too dim. How many days had he been here? Surely they would let him out soon. The burning thirst in his body cried for a drink, but he had promised Pete that he would come to church. He would, too, but first he wanted a drink. He told himself that one more drink wouldn't hurt. Just one more!

Ben lay on his bunk and tried to sleep. Through the cell window he could see a star or two. He tossed restlessly, his entire being crying out for liquor. He felt dirty inside. Recalling the pastor's visit, he sensed a strange tugging at his heart. Finally, through sheer exhaustion, he fell asleep.

Morning came, and the sun shone across the snow-packed street with a merciless glare. Ben blinked against the white light. He was free at last! Free! The sheriff closed the iron door of the jail behind him. "You can go now, Ben," he said. "See if you can't keep out of trouble this time."

INDIAN"

The Indian boy walked slowly along the road out of town, thrilling to the taste of the open air. How good it was to be alive, and away from the dingy jail, and out on the flats again. He must hurry home—Dad would be needing him. Eagerly he quickened his pace, but found his muscles lazy from inactivity. Without his pony the road seemed endless.

Soon the old thirst rose to torment him. A drink! Just *one* drink—he must have a drink. His body was shaking like a man with a chill; at the same time, his throat was feverish. Suddenly, he caught sight of a tractor standing in a snow-swept field by the roadside. The tractor would contain anti-freeze, and in the anti-freeze there would be *alcohol!*

Half crazed by his desire he waded through the snow and was soon draining the radiator. He gulped the fiery liquid like a parched animal. Then he slumped to a sitting position in the snow, his head against the tractor wheel. Somewhere in the back of his fevered brain a warning sounded. *This was*

dangerous! Dangerous...! But it was too late. Already he was sinking into a stupor. With both hands he clutched his stomach; the fierce, gnawing pain was tearing him inside. He fell back upon the frozen earth with a low groan—and everything went black.

By the time his body was discovered it was frozen stiff.

They took it to the morgue in a wagon. The townspeople talked a good deal about his death. Some of them pitied the boy, others just laughed. "Crazy fool," they said, "should have known the stuff was poison."

A joke passed from one to another: "Anyway, the antifreeze didn't work in him, the corpse was frozen stiffer than a poker."

Someone said, "Oh, well, he'll never be missed—*just another dead Indian.*"

Another added, "One less to worry about."

In the little Indian shack out on the plains two old people mourned bitterly for their dead. Following the customs of their people, they had placed the body of their son, dressed in a new suit of buckskin, in a small tent outside the house. Soon friends and neighbors gathered from across the reservation for the three-day burial feast.

Already old Jim Whitefeather and his wife had given away many of their cherished possessions as a sign of their deep grief.

Pete Ambrose, the pastor, heard the weird, piercing cries of the mourners long before he reached the house.

Standing beside the casket, his heart ached for the loss of the Indian boy whose body lay in colorful Indian blankets. There was a large self-portrait on the dead boy's chest; the eyes were sparkling, the mouth laughing in the prime of youth. A dreadful contrast was the still face in the casket.

Fighting a lump in his throat, Pete turned away. Had he done all he could to help the boy? Had he prayed enough? Had he said the right things to Ben? Had he been a true friend? Before him lay the empty body of a soul that need not have gone into a Christless eternity.

More and more questions tormented the missionary as the service began. Suddenly he seemed to become helpless against overpowering evil. Louder and louder the wailing rose about him. The Indian women were kissing the corpse. The men shook its lifeless hand in a last farewell. Someone placed

a thorn branch upon the chest to keep away evil spirits. Then into the coffin they dropped Ben Whitefeather's personal possessions: beautiful shirts, a prize knife, his favorite moccasins... These he would need in the Happy Hunting Ground!

The missionary watched as they closed the coffin lid and covered it with colorful blankets. Then they let it down into the ground. As the first spadeful of earth fell upon the lid, the grief-stricken mother tore away from the circle of friends and rushed to the missionary's side. Dropping to her knees, she lifted a face twisted with suffering. "Oh, please," she cried, "can't you do something? The Lord knows you, Pete. He'll listen to you. Please, please, get my boy into heaven!"

Tears blinding his eyes, Pete Ambrose tried to comfort the dear woman. Then he turned and slowly walked down the sandy hillside. All about him were the graves of Indians: rounded mounds planted with thorns and cactus to protect the dead from wandering demons. It was hard to realize that Ben's life was over and it was too late to reach him for God. But it was *not* too late to win the many, many other Indians for whom the devil was spreading his enticing net.

Evil is strong, but the Lord is stronger, he thought. Resolutely, the young missionary squared his shoulders, lifted his head, and accepted the challenge.

PASSION FOR SOULS

Great soul winners have desired and prayed for nothing but souls. Moses prayed, "Yet now, if thou wilt, forgive their sin—; and if not, blot me, I pray thee, out of thy book which thou hast written" (Exodus 32:32).

John Knox prayed: "Give me Scotland or I die."

Philip Doddridge prayed: "I long for the conversion of souls more sensibly than for anything else. Methinks I could not only labor, but die for it."

George Whitefield prayed: "O Lord, give me souls, or take my soul."

Henry Martyn in India cried out: "Here let me burn out for God."

John McKenzie agonized: "O Lord, send me to the darkest spot on earth."

For what is your soul hungry? If the cry of your heart is for the salvation of souls, keep praying until their salvation is accomplished.



THIS PRESENT WORLD

Praying Around the World Next Friday

On Friday, March 8, Christian people all around the world will unite their hearts in the World Day of Prayer. Last year 134 countries took part in the world-wide observance of the day. Services began on the Tonga Islands, just west of the international date line, where the good Queen Salote led her subjects in prayer. It continued on around the globe and ended on St. Lawrence Island, Alaska. From the rising of the sun to the going down of the same, people of many different Protestant denominations called upon the name of the Lord.

Even though much of the prayer offered may have been formal and ritualistic, yet it is a matter of profound thankfulness that the gospel, with the desire to pray, and faith in God to hear and answer, has extended to practically every country and entirely around the world.

Methodists Seek 1200 New Ministers a Year

The Methodist Church will launch an extensive campaign this spring to recruit 1200 new clergymen each year, it was announced at the annual meeting of the denomination's board of education in Atlantic City, New Jersey.

Seminary Enrollment Up Slightly

Enrollment in the nation's theological seminaries and schools of religious education has passed the 35,000 mark, showing an increase of 2.3 per cent over last year. However, there is a 5.5 per cent decline in the number of first-year students enrolling for ministerial training. By comparison, general enrollment in all colleges and universities is up 10 per cent over last year.

Chilean Priest Acknowledges "Dynamic" of Evangelicals

Missionary News Service reports a Chilean priest has indirectly acknowledged that the evangelical message and way of life satisfies the longings of the heart—longings unmet by the rituals of Roman Catholicism.

In an article appearing in the Jesuit magazine *Mensaje* (Message), the priest noted that while Chile's population increased one-sixth between 1940 and 1952, the number of Protestants increased 100 per cent. There are now 700,000 Protestants in a population of seven million. The priest, Father Ignacio Vergara, said he believes this spectacular growth is due to Protestantism's "dynamic passion" in contrast to the indifference of Roman Catholics who are "religious only in name."

Medical Society Not in Favor of "Mercy Killings"

The New Jersey Medical Society declared that the 166 physicians who reportedly signed a resolution urging the legislature to legalize euthanasia, commonly known as mercy killing, acted as "individuals" in opposition to the accepted position of organized medicine in the state. The Medical Society said that euthanasia is in conflict with the moral law as well as with the ethics of the medical profession.

Many Delinquents Come from Overprivileged Homes

Statistics gathered by the Federal Children's Bureau show that many juvenile delinquents come from the overprivileged rather than the underprivileged homes, reports *The United Brethren* magazine.

Regarding this situation, one minister has been quoted as asking, "What can older people expect of their children, when they themselves, with their cocktail parties, their Sunday morning hangovers, their talk of drinking, set an example they do not want their children to follow?"

Israelis Improve Bible Sites

The government of Israel has allocated \$140,000 for the improvement of Biblical, historic, and other tourist sites. Landing facilities will be improved at Tabgha on the Sea of Galilee, site of the feeding of the five thousand, and at Capernaum, site of the ancient synagogue where Jesus prayed and preached. An improvement nearing completion is a new, tree-lined road to Mount Zion, to replace the more than one hundred steps now used.

Proposes National Lottery for U.S.

A *United Press* dispatch reports that a representative from New York has proposed a government-operated lottery which would put the government in the gambling business. The representative, who sponsored a similar bill in Congress last year, claims this plan would bring as much as \$10 million a year into the coffers of the Treasury Department and make possible a cut in income taxes. "I am as much against sin," he says, "as those who belabor the evils of a lottery!"

Proponents of legalized liquor also spoke of added revenue; but liquor has cost the taxpayer more than the taxes it brings. Legalizing vice never profits a nation—financially, morally, or spiritually.

Healing Ministry Urged by Episcopal Bishop

Episcopal Bishop Gerald Francis Burrill of Chicago has laid down some guiding principles for the "revival" of the Church's healing ministry. He termed the increased emphasis in healing a "mark of God, the Holy Ghost, stirring His Church to minister to the needs of the world."

His statement in *Advance*, monthly magazine of the diocese of Chicago, warned against "extravagant interpretations" in the "popular preoccupation with problems of disease and health." He also warned against emphasizing healing "as the end and total meaning of the Christian faith."

Among the methods which the bishop sanctioned in the ministry of healing was the apostolic practice of the laying on of hands with prayer.

More and more denominational leaders are emphasizing the healing ministry. We trust that an acquaintance with the supernatural power of God in this sphere will make Christians more ready to accept the supernatural power of God in other areas of their lives.

Catholic Influence in Nursing

At present the 322 Roman Catholic Schools of Nursing in the U.S. are turning out one-third of all the graduate registered nurses in the nation.

Crime Rate in U.S. at New High

J. Edgar Hoover, director of the FBI, reports that more major crimes were committed in the U.S. in 1956 than in any previous year. There were 2,534,000 major crimes, an increase of 12 percent over last year's record. Robbery was the only category of major crimes in which there was a slight decline.

Asks Halt in Economic Aid to Colombia

An official of the National Association of Evangelicals urged United States Senators to halt economic aid to Colombia "until such a time as all religious violence is stopped" there. Dr. Clyde W. Taylor, in a letter to every member of the Senate, termed such a step a "moral obligation of our government." He is the NAE's secretary of public affairs.

"It is evident that there has been growing Congressional concern over the increase of religious persecution in Colombia, South America," he wrote. "Our Washington office, representing 49 evangelical mission agencies and a constituency in the United States of some two million evangelicals, has been increasingly concerned with the situation in Colombia since 1948 when the latest era of persecution began."

With his letter Dr. Taylor enclosed a memorandum on religious conditions in Colombia, listing alleged instances of persecution involving either Protestant nationals or missionaries from the United States. One example cited was "the closing of over 40 Protestant churches during 1956 by Colombia."

Lauds Contributions of Christian Missionaries

Sri Prakasa, outgoing governor of Madras, India, in an exclusive interview with the *Madras Weekly Mail*, had some complimentary things to say about Christian missionaries. He pointed out that the Hindu society has, in practice, proved to be "cruel to the distressed and handicapped" and has "kept them away from its main stream." For this reason there are many "orphans, widows, discarded women, lepers, and others with little or no chance in life."

The governor expressed appreciation to the Christian missionaries for setting a great example in showing concern for all classes of people.

Warns of Threats to Christianity

Dr. Theodore F. Adams, president of the Baptist World Alliance, warned that Christianity faces an increasing threat from Buddhism and Mohammedanism as well as from "creeping, insidious materialism." He addressed nearly two thousand persons at Miami, Florida, during the fourth annual Festival of Faith, sponsored by the greater Miami Council of Churches to commemorate the Protestant Reformation.

Referring to his recent world tour, the Baptist leader said that he found that Communists are missionary-minded. Not only that, but Mohammedanism is aroused, and "an awakened Buddhism is trying to win converts even among Christians."

"We live in a mixed-up world," he said, "but Christ is the answer to all problems. The Cross can bring freedom's holy light to all mankind."



PRESENT BIBLE FOR B-52 CREW—Wing Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Verne H. Warner of Castle Air Force Base, California, is shown accepting a Bible from Mayor Enoch S. Christoffersen (left), of nearby Turlock. The Bible was presented for the officers and crew of a U.S. Air Force B-52 bomber that was christened "City of Turlock." (Story below.)

Turlock's Prayers Bring Halt to B-52 Plane Crashes

The mayor of Turlock, California, is beginning to see some of the fruits of his labors. Enoch S. Christoffersen is a man who has successfully united politics with a genuine Christian concern for his fellowmen.

Last fall Mayor Christoffersen and his city were honored by the personnel of nearby Castle Air Force Base when a giant B-52 bomber was christened "City of Turlock." On that occasion the mayor presented a Bible for the officers and men of the ship (see photo). Inscribed in it were these words: "May this Bible serve as a constant reminder of the unceasing prayers of the people in the many Turlock churches. You will find in this Book: strength for your task; wisdom for your decisions; guidance for your travels; confidence for your preservation; comfort for your soul."

In January the mayor and citizens of Turlock learned that this plane had made a historic non-stop flight from Castle Air Force Base to England. Headlines, however, were stolen by three other Castle-based B-52's which completed the famous non-stop flight around the world the next day. Actually, the "City of Turlock" accompanied the globe-circling B-52's as far as French Morocco, then swung north, as planned, to land in Great Britain.

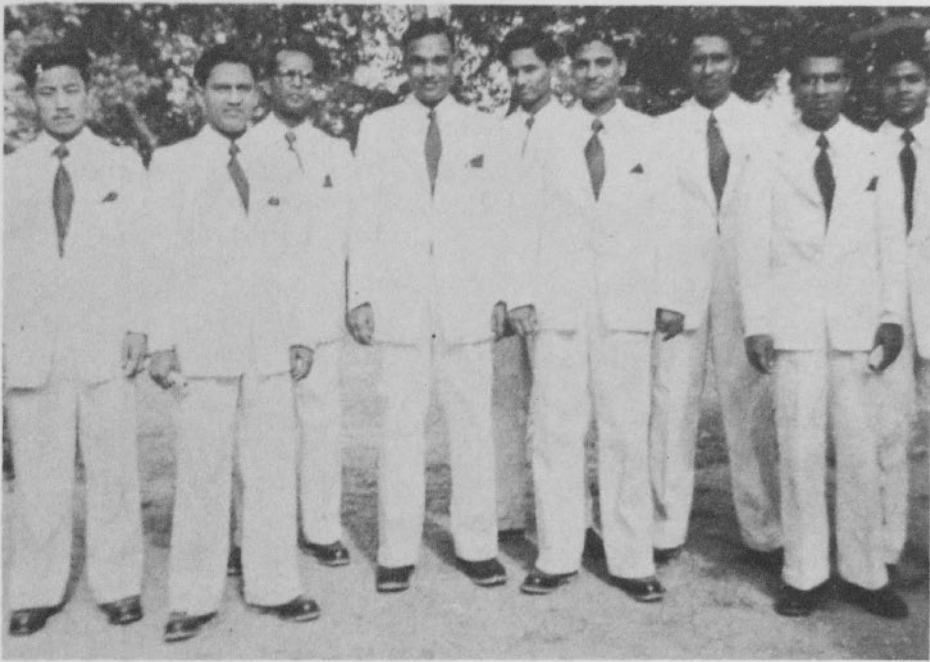
The mayor's interest in the air base, however, goes even deeper. Last December one of the air-giants exploded near Turlock, killing all ten men aboard. (The loss of the plane alone cost the government nearly eight million dollars.) It had been the third such crash in a short time. Mayor Christoffersen proclaimed a day of special prayer "for guidance and wisdom from Above to determine conclusively the causes of these explosions so the difficulties may be corrected, and that no more such losses may occur." Editorially, the *Turlock Daily Journal* praised the action. The people of Turlock prayed.

Last month we received word that God has been answering that prayer. Even though the causes of the explosions had not yet been determined, there had been no more B-52 crashes since the people of Turlock joined in united prayer.

Mayor Christoffersen is a member of Bethel Temple in Turlock, a church affiliated with the Assemblies of God (Robert S. Carrington, Pastor). He is credited with getting 130 California municipalities to begin their city council meetings with prayer. The mayor had sent letters to every California mayor urging adoption of this policy.

Wheat Surplus to Religious Organizations?

A bill has been introduced in the House of Representatives at Washington which would permit farmers who exceed their wheat quotas to donate the surplus to religious organizations without having to pay a marketing penalty.



Hardoi Graduates of 1956. Gamaliel second from left. James Singh fourth from left.



James Singh, our first preacher to Musoorie Hill Villages

Crisis in Hardoi

BY MARGUERITE FLINT, INDIA

Previously we have written of the crisis at the Hardoi Bible School in connection with the building for the men students. We are happy to report that the need is partially met, but more help must come.

The property being used at present is to be sold, as the owner needs the money. For the sake of the Bible school and the work of the gospel here, we must buy this property. It would be a tragedy for us to lose the building to someone else. About half the amount is in—a cause for great rejoicing. Our immediate need is for \$2500. Surely God has this among His children somewhere. If the Lord impresses you with this matter, please act right away. The need is urgent!

Results at the Bible school certainly warrant its continuation. Three and a half years ago the school started with seven young men, and this without any advertising or promotion. Within a year the number had increased to twenty. Now it is approaching a hundred. There are thirty-three single women, twenty-eight single men, eight couples, and more students coming. The photos show the fine caliber of students at the school. James Singh is one of our 1956 graduates, and he and his wife have returned to the hill country to work among their own people. All the male graduates are busy with the preaching of the

gospel (except Gamaliel, second from the left in the photo of the graduates, who is too young and is back at Nawabganj to complete his high school course). The graduate with glasses standing next to Gamaliel is alone in Almora now, establishing a church up in the hills. He is V. C. Cuoras.

The work in melas and village meetings has been a source of great blessing as the students have gone out and distributed hundreds of Gospel portions. At the Belgram mela recently, an old sadhu was about to buy a Gospel portion from one of our young men when another old sadhu rushed up to him

crying, "Don't! Don't take it and don't read it!" The other asked him why, and the reply caused Moti, the student, to chuckle. The man said, "My young chela (disciple) took one of those a few days ago and began to read it. It made him leave me, his old guru (teacher), and he put on his clothes and went home to his folks, still reading it."

The results of the school are being felt in Nepal, Bhutan, and elsewhere. The gospel is being propagated, and souls are being won. An investment in this venture for God is an eternal one. Join us in it! Pray that the Hardoi Bible School may hold this property.



A group of Hill boys — future preachers in Nepal, Bhutan, and other areas where souls perish for lack of the Bread of Life.



HELPING HUNGARIAN REFUGEES

BY G. KINDERMAN

We greatly appreciate the response which several of our good friends made to our appeal for funds on behalf of the Hungarian refugees.

In the meantime, the Hungarian Refugee program has developed into an international emergency, because thousands are still crossing into Austria weekly. We therefore urgently appeal for additional funds to meet the increasing needs.

To what extent can and should the Assemblies of God fellowship participate in a relief program for these unfortunates in the U. S. A., Austria, and eventually in Hungary?

The Lord Jesus answered a lawyer's question, "Who is my neighbour?" (Luke 10:29), by telling him the parable of the good Samaritan (verses 30-37). Can we afford to act as the priest or Levite did, "passing by on the other side"? Shall we not rather follow the good example of the Samaritan?

Word has been received from Hungary that the Pentecostal church building in Budapest was partly damaged. For the present we are obliged to abide by governing regulations when sending relief to Hungary; nevertheless, we very much desire to have sufficient funds on hand to meet such needs.

In Austria, however, many needs should be met immediately. Around 80,000 Hungarian refugees are still in that country. They are being housed in barracks which are leaky, cold, damp

and lacking in proper sanitation. The Pentecostal believers of Austria, many of whom are wartime refugees themselves from Yugoslavia, Hungary, and Russia, are distributing tracts and other religious literature which have been provided by the Hungarian Branch of the Assemblies of God in the U.S.A. This work must continue if souls are to be won for our Lord Jesus Christ.

In the U.S.A. two Assemblies of God ladies are working with C.W.S at Camp Kilmer in connection with the registration of incoming refugees of Protestant faith. Arrangements are being made to find homes and jobs for them throughout America.

The Assemblies of God has been urged to follow the action of other churches and civic or labor organizations by adopting a group of twenty to thirty refugees to be taken to a given town or area and offered jobs. This method provides an opportunity for a church community to afford housing and employment for the refugees and at the same time to enlarge the church attendance by the addition of the Hungarians.

For information regarding the sponsoring of Hungarian refugees write to Assemblies of God, Foreign Service Committee, Room 806, 150 Fifth Ave., New York 10, New York.

Send offerings to Foreign Missions Department, 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield, Missouri, designated "Hungarian Refugees."

that they will continue their missionary work in El Salvador.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Felton have a new address. It is 689 Chestnut St., Turlock, California.

Verena Rich's address is 1005 South Huson, Tacoma, Washington.

MISSIONARY News Notes



De Etta Butler of Liberia returned home on furlough. Her present address is 906 W. Third, Pittsburg, Kansas.

James King of Liberia arrived in the U. S. on December 8. He can be reached at West Star Route, Two Harbors, Minnesota.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Spence's address for the next few months will be Apartado 1209, San Jose, Costa Rica. After



Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Harris Annie Bailie

MONTHLY REPORT

Foreign Missions Department

December, 1956

CONTRIBUTIONS

Alabama	\$ 2,448.17	N. Calif.-Nev.	20,784.21
Appalachian	731.89	N. Texas	11,554.91
Arizona	952.49	Northwest	45,739.63
Arkansas	3,713.11	Ohio	12,717.52
Eastern	16,000.22	Oklahoma	16,007.70
Georgia	1,721.44	Oregon	19,069.14
German Br.	1,120.88	Potomac	7,199.50
Greek Br.	112.15	Rocky Mtn.	7,216.21
Hungarian Br.	201.22	Russian Br.	56.05
Illinois	12,123.74	S. Carolina	1,008.60
Indiana	4,678.72	S. Dakota	1,584.29
Italian Br.	670.96	S. Florida	6,426.75
Kansas	17,219.94	S. Texas	8,272.92
Kentucky	542.40	S. California	39,581.92
Lat. Amer. Br.	1,627.77	S. Idaho	2,062.43
Louisiana	4,320.12	S. Missouri	11,537.11
Michigan	18,931.71	Tennessee	3,931.33
Minnesota	14,733.35	Ukrainian Br.	23.36
Mississippi	1,242.94	W. Central	6,843.95
Montana	4,928.51	W. Florida	2,008.33
Nebraska	3,713.54	W. Texas	6,423.44
New England	4,790.47	Wis.-N. Mich.	10,342.15
New Jersey	7,234.64	Wyoming	954.40
New Mexico	4,276.77	Alaska	139.98
New York	10,834.69	Canada	346.25
N. Carolina	1,129.27	Hawaii	198.17
N. Dakota	5,122.06	Foreign	78.00
		Misc.	118.50

Total Amount Reported	\$387,359.93
District Funds	\$13,702.18
National Home Missions	3,840.32
Office Expense	5,380.54
Given Direct to Missions	87,228.67
	110,151.71

Received for Council Missionaries	\$277,208.22
Received for Non-Council Missionaries	4,323.95
Missionary Offerings not Allocated to any State	67,242.19

Total Receipts \$348,774.36

DISBURSEMENTS

Support of Missionary Personnel	\$128,920.76
Missionary Equipment	28,835.08
Missionary Work	54,003.95
National Workers Abroad	9,054.44
Buildings on Foreign Lands	19,803.07
Missionary Transportation	38,181.78

	\$278,799.08
Transferred to "Hold" Accounts	69,975.28

Total Disbursements \$348,774.36

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

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Harris and family sailed January 19 for Tanganyika, East Africa, and a report of their safe arrival has been received.

Annie Bailie returned to Hong Kong on January 29 for another term of service. Pray that God will make this a very fruitful term.

If preaching is to reach the unchurched, it must begin by reaching the unsaved already within the church. The most effective preaching for reaching the outsider is the preaching that converts every insider into a missionary, and sends every hearer to tell others the things he has heard.—*Samuel Chadwick.*

Home Missions in South Florida

BY HOWARD S. BUSH

South Florida District Superintendent



J. D. Courtney, Home Missions Director for South Florida District

THE SUWANNEE RIVER, immortalized in song by Stephen Foster, is the dividing line between the West Florida and South Florida Districts. Everything east of the Suwannee River in Florida is the responsibility of the South Florida District to evangelize.

Florida is one of the fastest-growing states in the Union with a population nearing 4,000,000. It has been predicted by reliable authorities that the population will be up to 7,000,000 by 1965 and to 10,000,000 by 1975.

This means we must constantly press towards the goal of one church in every community of 1,000 population, and strive for more than one church in our

larger cities. We have two cities over 20,000, seven over 5,000, and fifty-seven communities over 1,000 in population that have not yet been reached. However, we are reaching a number of strategic population centers. Here are some of our recent home missionary activities.

NAPLES

One of the fastest-growing communities on the West Coast of Florida is Naples. Last year property was secured and ground was broken for a new Assembly of God building. Today, we have a lovely 30 x 60 church and parsonage due to the untiring efforts of Pastor and Mrs. J. D. Lacey and their faith in God.

SARASOTA

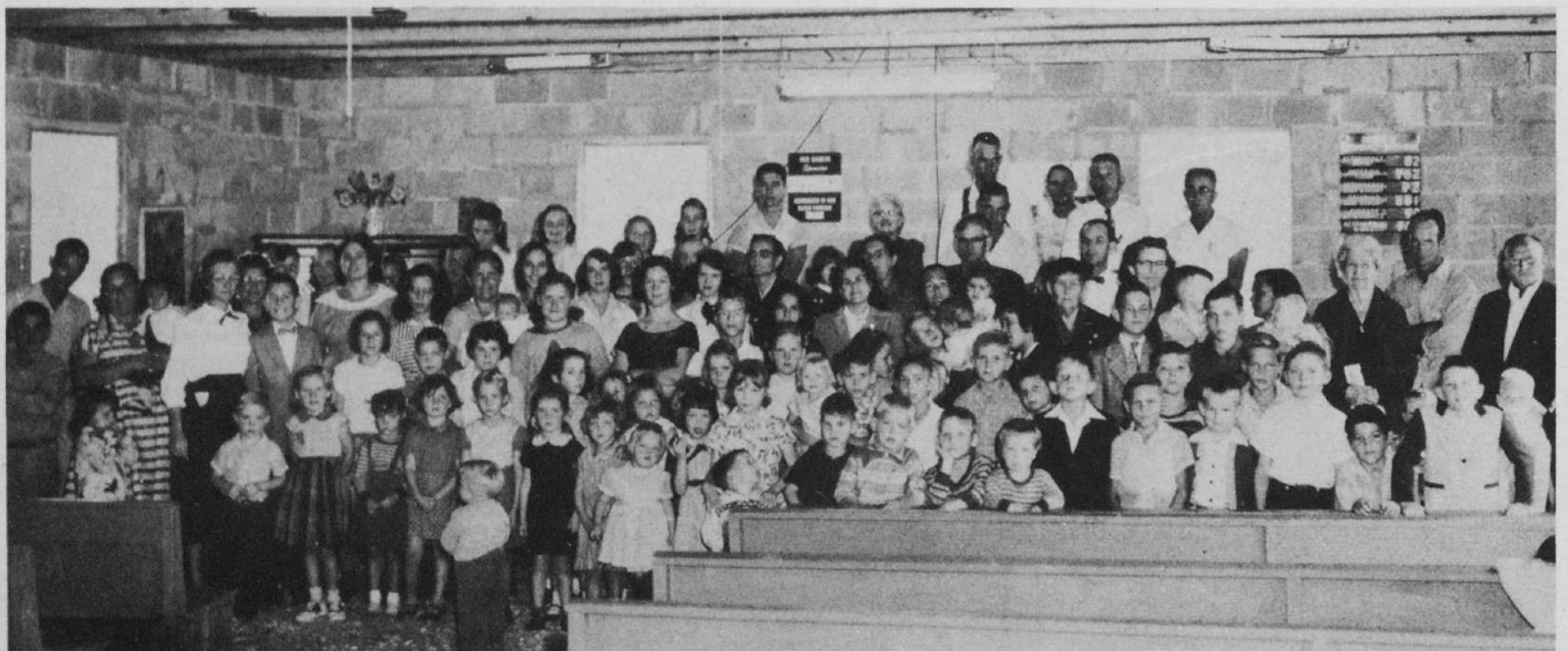
Some years ago, Dr. Jonas E. Miller helped to pioneer the First Assembly in Sarasota by renting the Women's

Club building for services. This effort later developed into a lovely church now being pastored by Henry H. Jenkins. Recently, Dr. Miller returned to Sarasota to reopen his Clinic; and as a result of his burden for souls, he has again rented the Women's Club and started another effort in Sarasota, called the Southside Assembly.

FORT LAUDERDALE

Three new churches have been started in this thriving city on the lower East Coast within the last year. Jack Starbuck felt the burden and rented a building to start the EVANGEL CHURCH, which is rapidly growing into a fine congregation. William Wagner and wife are pioneering a new church in the OAKLAND PARK section, and the rented building they are using is well filled with hungry hearts.

New congregation at Hart Haven, pastored by Mary and Mabel Turrony. The group is completing the building soon to be dedicated.





Pioneer pastor C. A. Oswalt, of Fernandina, Fla., in front of the new church. He pioneered here less than three years ago.

Both of these new congregations are looking for property to build on. Elwood and Mrs. Penton felt burdened for the western section of the city; and as a result of their ministry FAITH ASSEMBLY has now bought property and is developing it.

A few months ago, there was only one Assembly in Fort Lauderdale. Today, we have four Assemblies because of the anointing of the Lord upon the lives and ministry of the brethren.

JACKSONVILLE BEACH

The beach cities of this area have needed a Full Gospel church for a long time. Clyde and Mrs. Wingo felt the call of God and rented a large house. They live in one part of the house and use the other part for church services. There has been a steady growth in the work since its beginning and the new congregation is now looking for a suitable location on which to build.

LAKE WORTH

Ira and Mrs. Stanphill had been associated with the late D. P. Holloway in West Palm Beach. Last year, they felt the burden for Lake Worth, a city of more than 15,000 just south of West Palm Beach on the lower East Coast. Brother Stanphill rented an auditorium and started Bethel Temple. The work has developed so rapidly that they have a fine congregation today. Property has been purchased and they plan to begin construction on their new church immediately. They have an assistant pastor, Phillip Ritter and wife.

OKEECHOBEE

The city of Okeechobee is in south central Florida, the cattle and ranch territory. Anton and Mrs. Jenson felt the call of God to pastor the new

church in this area, and a District tent was put up after fire ruined the interior of the building that had been rented by two former pioneers, Mrs. N. Lavon McKay and Ray Lantz. Property has now been purchased, and a new church building is being erected through the many sacrifices of the Jensens.

JACKSONVILLE

Three new churches have been started in this great metropolitan area of northern Florida. Mary and Mabel Turrony went to HART HAVEN, a suburb, and rented a building for services. Through their faith in God and hard work the congregation has grown. They have bought property, and are in the process now of completing their new church which will soon be dedicated. Clarence Smith and Benjamin Wainwright felt the burden for a new subdivision in western Jacksonville, and started the LAKESHORE ASSEMBLY in a tent. From the beginning, it has been a thriving church, and they are now trying to locate property. James H. and Mrs. Cain moved upon by God, went into the northern section of the city and found property in a fast-developing subdivision. They have built a church, EVERYBODY'S TABERNACLE, which is reaching souls in that community. A passion for the lost and a willingness to sacrifice and work have brought the blessings of the Lord upon these efforts.

The South Florida District will be happy to co-operate with any minister who feels the burden to pioneer a new church in our district. Home Missions is a *must* in South Florida. With the help of the Sectional Home Missions Committees, and under the guidance and promotion of the District Home Missions Director, J. D. Courtney, monies are constantly being invested in new church properties throughout the district.

Anyone interested in pioneering in South Florida should contact the Assistant District Superintendent, J. D. Courtney, 124 Avenue "G" S.E., Winter Haven, Florida.

MY TASK

*"Master, where shall I work today?"
And my love flowed warm and free,
And he pointed out a tiny plot,
And said "Tend that for me."
But I answered quickly, "Oh, no, not there;
Not anyone could see,
No matter how well my task was done;
Not that little place for me."
And his voice, when he spoke, it was not stern,
But he answered me tenderly,
"Little one, search that heart of thine,
Are you working for them, or me?
Nazareth was just a little place,
And so was Galilee."*



A Pastor's Thought for COLLEGE DAY

Training of our youth in Assemblies of God schools is of great value to a pastor. Perhaps the great heartbreak to a pastor comes when a young person severs church fellowship and thus a young life is lost to our movement. No other way of indoctrination approaches in thoroughness the training of youth in our own schools. The culmination comes when theories become realities through a revival within the school. Our responsibility to youth is to win, train, and hold them for God. Our Assemblies of God schools are helping to do this all-important job.



LOREN D. DOSS
Chicago, Illinois

The Unorthodox Ways of God

BY ANNE SANDBERG

ONE OF MY GREATEST SPIRITUAL EXPERIENCES occurred while on my knees, not in prayer, but scrubbing a bathroom floor.

Concentrating on a grimy area, I was in no particularly devout frame of mind—when I suddenly became acutely aware that Jesus had drawn nigh. His presence so permeated my entire being that for hours I could scarcely restrain the overflowing joy. Months later, the very recollection of the blessing thrills me—especially because He met me in such an unorthodox place and manner.

Frequently I have retreated to some wooded "Bethel" with definite purpose of finding God. There is a lonely spot beside a crooked tree where I struggled through to a great consecration. Then there is the birch tree park where, in the twilight, I wept my way back to my Father after a period of lukewarmness. And, of course, there is always the closet of prayer, and my favorite seat in church, and that special corner at the altar. In all of those locations I looked forward to meeting God and was not disappointed.

But there is also the kitchen sink where He manifested Himself to me.

It happened on Palm Sunday morning when I was compelled to miss the service. Drooping with regret, I sadly washed the dishes. Suddenly the glory of God unexpectedly fell upon me, and tears of joy mingled with the dishwater!

Another day I was walking to church in a prayerful and receptive mood. But I certainly did not anticipate such a blessing before arriving at my destination. En route, the Lord overwhelmed my soul with such a consuming love for humanity that I wanted to embrace every person I met and say, "Jesus loves you."

Sometimes I wonder if the Lord deliberately delights to reveal Himself in some unconventional place or time just to nudge us out of the groove of thinking that He can bless only when we are

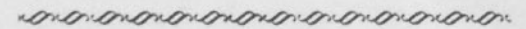
in a certain frame of mind, or properly conditioned spiritually, or engaged in some religious exercise. Man can indeed so limit God by rutted conceptions of His ways. But when we throw ourselves wide open by an attitude of continual expectancy, He is given free reign to manifest Himself whenever and wherever He pleases.

And His pleasure is determined, not by our own ideas of preparedness, but by His knowledge of the psychological moment of our susceptibility, when He can accomplish some divine purpose. He did this one time when I was driving the car on a certain errand. I had been engaged in a little activity which was harmless enough, but because it had begun to absorb too much of my heart's affection it caused a vague discomfort.

The Lord said nothing about it until this day, when He impressed me with the words of the song: "All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to His blood." Over and over they sang themselves within my soul with piercing conviction. Then came an overwhelming sense of the beauty and charm of Jesus Himself—His complete sufficiency for perfect satisfaction, without anything additional. He did not ask me to relinquish this distracting pleasure; He simply showed Himself: and looking upon Him, I acknowledged the vanity of the "vain things that charmed me" and gladly "sacrificed them to His blood." This transaction occurred while driving the car!

Perhaps if He had requested this renunciation at any other time, it might have precipitated a prolonged battle ending in a grim surrender. But in this way—His way—my hold automatically relaxed as I beheld the superior attraction of His winsome personality.

Another time, while walking to our downtown shopping district, I was meditating on a recent study of the victory of the Cross. Suddenly my heart became



For Junior readers

BIBLE QUIZ

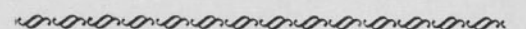
Who Said It?

Here are some famous quotations from the Bible. Can you give the names of the persons who made these statements?

1. "Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin."
2. "There is a lad here, which hath five barley loaves, and two small fishes: but what are they among so many?"
3. "Therefore I fled before unto Tarsish: for I knew that thou art a gracious God, and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness."
4. "Lord, if thou hadst been here, my brother had not died."
5. "God did send me before you to preserve life."
6. "I will not let thee go, except thou bless me."
7. "Behold, they will not believe me, nor hearken unto my voice: for they will say, The Lord hath not appeared unto thee."
8. "It is I: be not afraid."
9. "Why hath Satan filled thine heart to lie to the Holy Ghost?"
10. "Lord, lay not this sin to their charge."

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ANSWERS
 1. David (Psa. 51:2); 2. Andrew (John 6:8, 9); 3. Jonah (Jonah 4:2); 4. Mary of Bethany (John 11:28); 5. Joseph (Gen. 45:4, 5); 6. Jacob (Gen. 32:25, 26); 7. Moses (Ex. 4:1); 8. Jesus (John 6:19, 20); 9. Peter (Acts 5:3); 10. Stephen (Acts 7:59, 60).
 GRADE YOURSELF
 10 correct—excellent
 7-9 correct—good
 4-6 correct—average
 less than 4 correct—better brush up on your Bible characters.



illuminated. Where I previously had a mental concept of the subject, now it flooded my soul. I wanted to shout: "Hallelujah! Jesus is the Victor!" Of course, I restrained my exuberance and sedately proceeded down the street. But that short twenty-minute walk brought a tremendous spiritual insight which has never left my soul.

Now, if you ask why this revelation did not come during the long hours of study at home, I cannot say. Perhaps God knew when my soul was ripe and He took advantage of the opportune moment.

It makes me recall my feeding problems during our younger child's infancy. As I attempted to feed her, she kept

her mouth shut tight. But each time she opened it to laugh at a funny story, I popped in a spoonful of nourishing food!

Speaking of children, I might say that in order to accustom my two girls to the fact that God can and desires to be contacted anywhere and at any time, we sometimes are quite unorthodox in our approaches to Him. Ordinarily, the night time procedure is prayer on our knees. But sometimes we pray seated, and occasionally I permit them to pray in bed. (I would love them to learn to converse with Jesus, as I do so often, in those few precious moments before falling asleep.)

At times, when we are strolling and discussing a need, I say: "Let us pray right now." And with eyes open, walking, we pray: "Dear Jesus, bless Cindy who fell off the porch and hurt her eye. Heal her and don't let that eye be blind. For Jesus sake, Amen."

I do not feel this is irreverent, for God intends His presence to be a natural part of our lives. As Adam and Eve walked with God in the garden in the early days before sin came, so we who have been cleansed from sin may walk with Him today in the intimacy and familiarity that belongs to a Father and His beloved children.

Brother Lawrence said he was more conscious of God's nearness while engaged in necessary duties than when praying in his room. I am not by any means minimizing the importance of private prayer nor of the church services. Actually, our ability to maintain the presence of God during our workday hours stems from the contacts made in those prescribed places and times. They should be scrupulously and regularly maintained, for there are special blessings attached to these means which we can obtain in no other way. At those times we anticipate and usually do receive something from God. But how lovely are those unlooked-for "touches of His hand on mine." It is like a child's spontaneous kiss, or the husband's surprise gift. You expect it on your birthday, but how delightful to receive it on a busy washday!

You might previously have been engrossed in your work, and thinking of your problems, or letting your mind wander. Perhaps you were thinking how soiled the clothes were, and that you should purchase another brand of soap. Then came that divine touch which turned your attention to Him,

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Monday, March 4

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 27

TODAY'S GEM: "Wait on the Lord: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart" (Psa. 27:14).

FOR THE PARENT: This psalm beautifully pictures God as the Guardian of His children. But point out our responsibilities to God: (1) greatly desiring to be with Him, verse 4; (2) seeking Him, verse 8; (3) learning His ways, verse 11; (4) waiting on Him, verse 14. Stress the importance of letting God speak to us through the Holy Spirit and through the Word.

QUESTION TIME: What one thing does the Psalmist decide to seek after? (v. 4) Why do we need to learn God's way? (v. 11)

Tuesday, March 5

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 28

TODAY'S GEM: "The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusted in him, and I am helped" (Psa. 28:7).

FOR THE PARENT: This psalm records a prayer of David and his thanksgiving because God answered his prayers. Some of the blessings the child of God enjoys are (1) answered prayers, verse 6; (2) strength; (3) protection; (4) help, verse 7; and (5) salvation, verses 8 and 9. Because of these we should rejoice and praise God (v. 7).

QUESTION TIME: Why did David rejoice and praise God? (v. 7) Why is God's wrath upon the wicked? (v. 5)

Wednesday, March 6

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 29

TODAY'S GEM: "Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness" (Psa. 29:2).

FOR THE PARENT: This psalm encourages us to glorify and praise God, showing particularly the great power of God. Incorporated in it is the thought of holiness: God is powerful, and He is holy; He demands holiness of His children. Stress that holiness is first concerned with our heart and our attitude toward God.

QUESTION TIME: How are we to worship God? (v. 2) What do you think this means? What does the voice of God do? (vv. 3-9) What will the Lord do for His people? (v. 11)

Our Family Altar

Thursday, March 7

SCRIPTURE: Mark 11:1-11

TODAY'S GEM: "Hosanna; Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord" (Mark 11:9).

FOR THE PARENT: (Additional material on "Christ, the Humble King" will be found on Sunday's Lesson page.) Point out that even though Christ's kingdom was, at this time, spiritual, He must offer Himself to Israel as King. Have the group review the story, pointing out how it fulfilled prophecy (see Zech. 9:9). Stress the importance of humility.

QUESTION TIME: What kind of King was Christ? (see above) How did He enter into Jerusalem? (vv. 7-9) What did He do when He got there? (v. 11)

Friday, March 8

SCRIPTURE: 2 Chronicles 29:1-10; 32:1-8, 20-23 (Sunday's Lesson for Juniors)

TODAY'S GEM: "The Lord is with you, while ye be with him; and if ye seek him, he will be found of you; but if ye forsake him, he will forsake you" (2 Chron. 15:2).

FOR THE PARENT: Stress that the nation of Judah was saved from destruction at this time because the people, under good King Hezekiah, turned from their sins. Show how God defeated the powerful armies that came against Judah because His people trusted in Him.

QUESTION TIME: Was Hezekiah a good king? (29:2) How did God defeat Judah's enemies at this time? (32:21)

Saturday, March 9

SCRIPTURE: Exodus 3:1-13 (Sunday's Lesson for Primaries)

TODAY'S GEM: "I will be with thee" (Ex. 3:12).

FOR THE PARENT: Here is recorded the call of Moses to lead the children of Israel from slavery in Egypt to freedom in their Promised Land. Recall the story of the burning bush; then stress how God promised to be with Moses and help him, showing how God will also be with us.

QUESTION TIME: How did God get Moses' attention on this occasion? (v. 2) What did God say as Moses approached the burning bush? (v. 5) What promise did God give him? (v. 12)

Sunday's Lesson

"RIGHTLY DIVIDING THE WORD OF TRUTH"



CHRIST, THE HUMBLE KING

Sunday School Lesson for March 10, 1957

MARK 11:1-11

The time had come for Christ to offer Himself publicly to Israel as her Messiah. Until now He had not permitted His followers to proclaim His kingship (Matt. 16:20), and He had resisted efforts made by enthusiastic throngs to take Him by force and make Him king (John 6:15). Now, however, it was evident to all that the kingdom of which He spoke was spiritual. But He must present Himself as Israel's King-Messiah lest the nation say, "Why blame us for rejecting Him when He did not claim to be Messiah?"

THE MANNER OF HIS ENTRY

Jesus said, "Go your way into the village . . . [and] ye shall find a colt." It had been some time since He had been in the village of Bethphage. How did He know where they would find the animal? By divine revelation, of course—an illustration of the word of knowledge and the word of wisdom! And the Lord has similar supernatural revelation-gifts for us today when they are needed (1 Cor. 12:7, 8).

(1) The beast He rode upon was borrowed. Jesus said, "And if any man say unto you, Why do ye this? say ye that the Lord hath need of him; and straightway he will send him hither." In other words, He said, "Tell them I need the colt and that I will send it back as soon as I am through with it." Christ would not *take* the colt but would *borrow* it. Think of it! He who had a part in the creation of the universe, to whom belongs the cattle on a thousand hills, must borrow a lowly animal as a means of conveyance!

(2) The beast He used was a lowly animal. The ass's colt was an insignificant creature, yet Christ said, "The Lord hath need of him." Who will say the colt did not perform a most glorious task? And does not the Bible illustrate again and again the truth that God delights to use ordinary people and to honor little acts of love and service in bringing about His divine purposes?

THE TRIUMPH OF HIS ENTRY

What made the entry triumphant? Does the event described in these verses deserve such a name? What triumph was there in a king entering His capital city in such a lowly fashion? What glory was there in receiving acclaim and adulation from a fickle crowd who would soon change their cry of praise to "Crucify Him! Crucify Him!?" These are challenging questions. Thank God we can give a positive answer!

(1) Christ's entry was triumphant because it established the truth of the Old Testament Scriptures. Five hundred years earlier the prophet Zechariah predicted Christ's entry in minute detail! "Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion . . . behold, thy King cometh unto thee: he is just, and having

salvation; lowly, and riding upon an ass, and upon a colt the foal of an ass" (Zech. 9:9). Just as this prediction was accurately fulfilled, so will all those referring to Christ's second coming be likewise fulfilled!

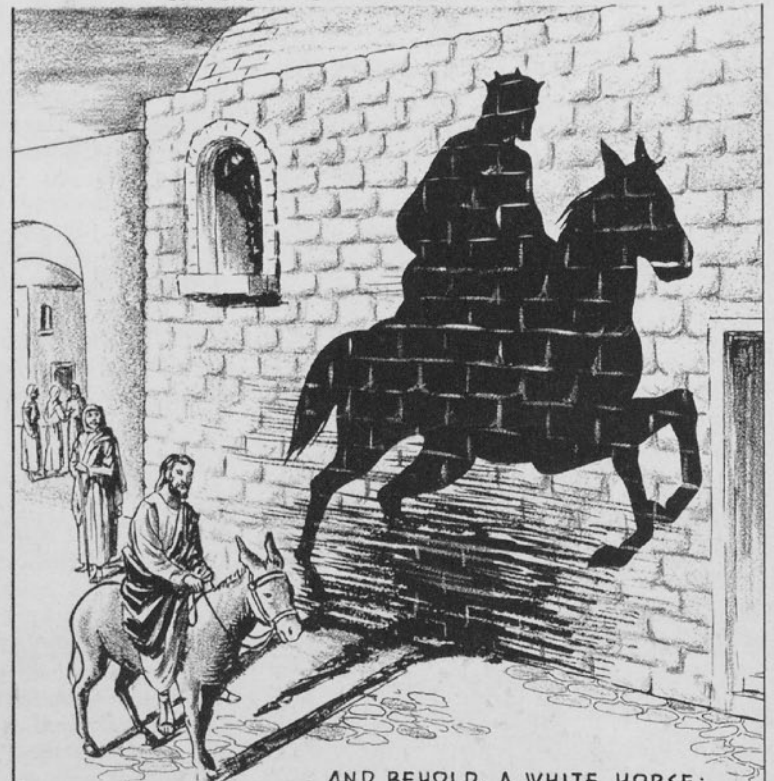
(2) It brought from the lips of the multitudes the praise and honor which were due to Christ. Christ was proclaimed as the Messiah, the King who came in the name of Jehovah. He was praised, too, for His mighty works, such as the recent raising of Lazarus. What if many in the crowd were fickle? What if their enthusiasm did die? Truth cannot die. And the truths they proclaimed lived on in many hearts and bore fruit after Christ's death and resurrection!

(3) The entry into Jerusalem was triumphant because it was essential to God's plan of salvation. The Son of God did not ride blindly into the city, ignorant of what awaited Him there. He knew the Cross was ahead. More than that, His very action now was to hasten His death on that Cross! And in that death He knew He would bear man's sin, redeem mankind from sin's penalty and power. Yet it is written that "He stedfastly set His face to go to Jerusalem." What glorious triumph is this!

(4) Christ's entry was triumphant because His entry into the city was necessary to His second coming. Israelites were looking for a king who would deliver them from Rome and establish Israel again as a great earthly kingdom. And Christ assured His followers that He will come a second time and establish on earth a millennial kingdom. But first He must die! So it is that we who live in 1957 look forward in eager anticipation to His glorious second coming because he was willing to enter Jerusalem so humbly the first time to die for us!

—J. Bashford Bishop

SHADOW OF THINGS TO COME



THEY BROUGHT THE COLT TO JESUS . . . AND HE SAT UPON HIM. Mark 11:7

AND BEHOLD, A WHITE HORSE; AND HE THAT SAT UPON HIM . . . HATH ON HIS VESTURE AND ON HIS THIGH A NAME WRITTEN, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS. Rev. 19:12, 16

I Was an Embezzler

BY DAVID M. WELLARD

THE STORY OF THE DOLLAR THAT BROUGHT
IN SIXTY-ONE DOLLARS AND TEN CENTS

Of course no one called me an embezzler, but myself. I certainly didn't like the term, but truth is truth and to be honest with one's self, that's exactly what I was. Here I was a minister of the gospel; a preacher of righteousness and repeatedly handling someone else's money, in a dishonest way.

The only reason I kept out of jail was because the money I was using wrongfully belonged to Someone else who loved me dearly.

I was an embezzler in every sense of the word for according to the dictionary, an embezzler is a person who takes for his own use, funds intrusted to him.

It was this way. The Lord had led me to a number of churches that were on their "last leg." Now He had led me to one that had "no legs" at all. I was pastor, board, caretaker, treasurer—everything.

The assembly had been closed three times and was still closed when we took it over. This was *really* pioneering.

Money was scarce and in those days we didn't have a Home Missions Department to depend on. However, we had Someone who had promised to supply all of our needs.

But there were testing times and it was during one of these times that I found out I was an embezzler.

This particular wintry morning I was just going downtown with the intention of buying a few groceries. As I was about to leave, the Lord seemed to tap me on the shoulder and say, "Son, what about that dollar in your pocket?"

I had a little money in my right pocket and a dollar of the Lord's money, in my left hand pocket.

Was I embarrassed! Here I was caught in the act of willfully intending to spend money that did not belong to me, for I planned to use that dollar, if I did not have enough to buy the things I needed.

Oh, I was an embezzler all right; a brazenfaced one at that. With no qualms of conscience, I intended to spend another person's money and with no thought of asking that person if I could. Of course my intention was to keep account of what I owed the Lord and pay it back some day.

Realizing for the first time what a terrible thing I was about to do, and had done several times before, I hurried back into the house and put the Lord's money into the Lord's box, where it ought to have been in the first place.

I went downtown lighter in pocket, and also easier in conscience. I had also learned a good lesson that I never wanted to forget.

It was only a few minutes later, as I turned a corner, that I saw something green in the snow. You guessed it. It was a dollar bill.

How I praised the Lord for His faithfulness. Satan immediately said, "It is not all yours, you owe ten cents tithe." He was not interested in my faithfulness to tithe but in curbing the praise I was giving to God, for supplying my need. Will you believe it, that week I found ten cents and I seldom find money.

A few Sundays later I was telling our small congregation the precious but embarrassing lesson God had taught me, about spending His money for my own use, when He needed that to spread the gospel.

I never thought any more about it until Tuesday morning when a sister came in all excited. She asked my wife and me to come into the Tabernacle, as she had something to tell us.

It seemed the incident I had mentioned, about spending God's money, had convicted her, and she was determined to straighten out her financial affairs with the Lord.

Here are the details as I remember

them. She tithed all right, but did not do it God's way. Instead of bringing "all the tithes into the storehouse," (where she got her spiritual food) Mal. 3:10, she kept her tithes at home and banked her own money. Her idea was to look to the Lord for guidance as to where to send it. She did not realize that she was disobeying God's Word and giving Satan a chance to cheat God out of it, for, already, when some friends wanted to borrow from her, it was more convenient to lend them the Lord's money, which was so handy, while her own money was safe in the bank in the city.

She then told us how she had gone to the bank on Monday to straighten things out with the Lord's money, but that evening while counting the money she was sixty dollars short. She figured every way and came to the conclusion that she had either lost it or left it somewhere in the bank.

Finally she said, "Lord, if you will help me find this money I will take it right over to my pastor. So, here it is," she said, as she handed over the sixty dollars, "I had left it by the window in the bank and the teller found it and kept it until I called this morning."

So you see, by being sincere enough to learn God's lesson and acting upon it, He sent in sixty-one dollars and ten cents to help me in His work.

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT

Isn't it strange we will take liberties with God's money that we would never dream of taking with other people's?

If we were employed in a bank and used some of the money for our own use, even if we fully intended to pay it back, it would be considered embezzlement. Almost every day we read of someone being put in jail for the same thing.

Is it any less wrong when we take our heavenly Father's money when to do so may deprive someone of hearing the gospel?

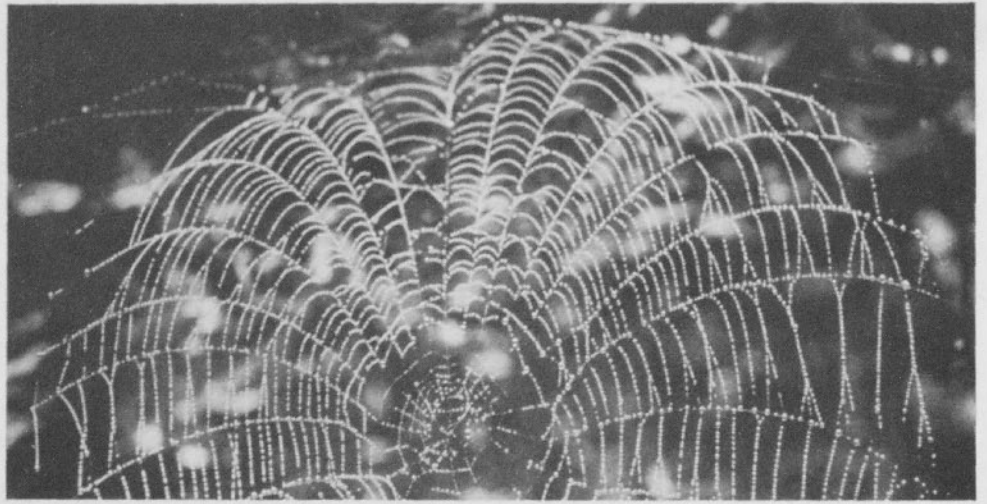
There are two things to remember:

1. A tenth of our increase *belongs* to God. Lev. 27:30-33, Matt. 23:23.
2. God tells us *what to do with it*, and what He will do for us if we FULLY obey Him. Mal. 3:10-12. To refuse to pay God's tithe we are robbers. Mal. 3:8.

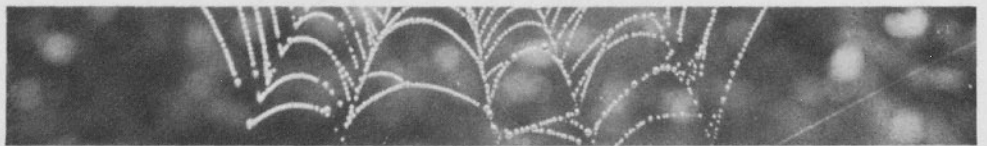
To use God's tithe for our own purposes, makes us embezzlers. At least that's the way I see it, and I believe God does too.



MANY OF GOD'S TINY CREATURES ACHIEVE "MIRACLES" IN THEIR OWN WORLD OF WONDER. THE SPIDER, WITH BLIND INSTINCT IS LOCKED IN PATTERNS OF BEHAVIOR THAT DATE BACK TO THE DAWN OF CREATION.



The Amazing Feats of Spiders



THE CORONET MAGAZINE published an article by Peter Farb, on "Nature's Wonderful Weavers," from which we quote these facts about spiders. Some of these facts are "miracles" in nature—almost unbelievable.

As you read these amazing feats, characteristics, and abilities of the humble spider, ask yourself the question, *How can anyone fail to see the hand of God active in creation*, when it is exemplified in such a wonderful way in the intricate powers of the spider?

A spider's thread sometimes is only a millionth of an inch thick, and is usually quite invisible to the naked eye.

From the moment of birth a spider starts spinning, and thereafter, for the rest of her life, never ceases. A spider, as it walks, climbs or jumps, lays behind it a silken lifeline which guards against falls. The silken strand also serves as the telegraph line to announce when the spider's prey has arrived at the trap—and then the victim is promptly handcuffed and strait-jacketed with it!

With their ingenious traps, spiders have snared—and held—rattlesnakes, birds, and even small trout. One observer saw a mouse, 250 times the spider's weight, trapped in a spider's web; and within twelve hours the mouse had actually been hoisted a couple of feet off the floor "by the soundest engineering principles of block-and-tackle lifting."

"This silk is undoubtedly the most versatile substance in nature. It is also the strongest. Some elastic silks can stretch a third of their length before snapping. South Sea Islanders use silk

from a large spider to make fishing nets."

How do spiders manufacture this silk? The answer is, with mechanism "far more complex than was once believed." Read this detailed description—and marvel at the wonderful works of God as seen in His creatures.

"The average spider has six minute spinnerets on its belly, each shaped much like the nozzle of a watering can, and which can be manipulated as easily as we move our fingers.

"Each nozzle is made up of roughly 100 tubes and each tube is connected to its own silk-making gland.

"But that is not all. The glands manufacture a variety of silks—usually three or four; sometimes five. The spider can use as many of the tubes as she likes, combining them in an infinity of assortments to cope with every possible need."

Each variety of spider has its own unique style of weaving—and even the tiny spiderling, working on its first web, spins the characteristic pattern of its kind. Throughout the spider's life the pattern never changes; it only increases in size.

"These webs are truly marvelous engineering works, each circle and spoke laid on with an accuracy within a fraction of a degree. And the whole job, consisting of thousands of separate parts, takes the spider less than an hour to complete.

"How are spiders able to tread on their own snares without becoming hopelessly enmeshed? Very simply. They carefully avoid treading on the stickiest part of their webs. Investigations have shown that spiders constantly coat their legs with a protective oil."

Some types of spiders depart from the conventional spider's way of getting its food by trapping it in webs. The California trapdoor spider erects a deep underground fortress, topped by a perfectly hinged drawbridge—the whole affair made of copious amounts of silk and grains of earth. Once built, this spider never completely leaves its burrow until it dies. It sits patiently at the exit, holding the lid slightly ajar, waiting. When an insect comes close enough, the spider leaps from its burrow to grab it—but one of its legs is always stretched out behind to prop open the drawbridge, so it won't close and lock its keeper out!

Some spiders construct balloons or "kites" by means of which they float around, sometimes for many miles. "Some spiderlings climb on their threads like little acrobats, and in this way control the ship they are flying," says Dr. Willis Gertsch, Curator of spiders at the American Museum of Natural History.

Another spider binds together dead leaves with its silk so it can sail downstream on its own canoe. When prey is spotted, it leaps from its craft, strides

on the surface of the water (easily done, since its feet are constructed like snowshoes) and returns with its victim to its floating dining room.

There is also a European water spider that uses its silk to construct an undersea house. The female spreads a silken sheet between underwater plants and then makes repeated trips to the surface to collect air bubbles which enable her to survive. At mating time, the male builds a smaller house, alongside the female's, and joins the two with a silken tunnel.

The author brings to the reader this remarkable conclusion:

"Spiders have achieved all this without a glimmer of intelligence. They are creatures of blind instinct, locked into patterns of behavior that go back a hundred million years. And through all the countless generations since, they have methodically continued to weave their individual webs, with nary a variation."

And so he says exactly what Bible-believing folks have been saying all these years, (except for the questionable figure of a hundred million years). God created all things to reproduce "after their kind" (Gen. 1), and so all the different species that God has made "have methodically continued 'to weave their individual webs' with nary a variation." **WHERE DOES THAT LEAVE EVOLUTION?** A vain groundless theory, absurd and unscientific.—from *Christian Victory* ◀◀

THE FAITHFUL PREACHER

He held the lantern, stooping low,
So low that none could miss the way;
And yet so high, to bring in sight
That picture fair—the world's great Light;
That gazing up—the lamp between—
The hand that held it scarce was seen.
He held the pitcher, stooping low,
To lips of little ones below;
Then raised it to the weary,
And bade him drink when sick and faint.
They drank—the pitcher thus between—
The hand that held it scarce was seen.
He blew the trumpet soft and clear,
To call the waiting soldiers near,
And then with louder note and bold,
To raze the walls of Satan's hold!
The trumpet coming thus between—
The hand that held it scarce was seen.
But when the Captain says, "Well done,
Thou good and faithful servant—come,
Lay down the pitcher and the lamp,
Lay down the trumpet—leave the camp,"
The weary hands will then be seen,
Clasped in His pierced ones—naught between!

—Author Unknown



Are You Taking Care of Your Pastor?

by T. E. Gannon, Secretary of Minister's Benefit Association

The church from its inception has carried the responsibility of supporting the minister. This support cannot be confined to the time during which a minister pastors a church, for every minister grows older; and many reach a time when they can no longer keep pace with the demands of the ministry and must step aside. Every denomination has had to wrestle with this problem. Those who pioneered our Movement had little or no opportunity to make provision for their own future. It is our joy to do for them what we can, but the help we have given has never been adequate.

As our Movement grows larger the ministers grow older and at the present rate we will soon have more ministers of retirement age than our present system of Old Age Assistance can carry. Our Movement was able to foresee this, and a few years ago the General Council adopted a program to enable our ministers to lay aside a portion of their income toward that day. It is so designed that our churches can also cooperate.

Since the time the Minister's Benefit Association was first adopted, several improvements have been made in order that it might serve our Fellowship more effectively. At the 1955 General Council several changes were adopted. These new changes bring this program within the reach of every minister.

Our Government has made provisions whereby ministers of the gospel can now be included under the Social Security program, and this promises some relief; however, the benefits of Social Security will not meet the needs of all, and the Minister's Benefit Association can provide a helpful supplement to Social Security. Those who do not sign

up for Social Security will need a program such as the MBA provides toward the time of their retirement. Since a minister can now be a member of the MBA for as little as one per cent of his income, he can carry this in addition to Social Security. Of course, it should be fully understood that the more a minister contributes to the MBA the more he will have at the time of his retirement.

As we search the Scriptures, we find one thing made very clear. The church is fully responsible for the support of the ministry. In view of this, it hardly seems right that a pastor should have to take the initiative in asking his board or his church to assist him toward his future security; neither should a full-time district officer have to ask his presbytery board or his district for such assistance. I speak this freely, for my district took such action some two years before I came into office. Many of our ministers will never ask for such help, but God will surely bless the church or its board that will take the initiative in offering to assist the minister in view of the day of his retirement.

The money in the account of each minister who is a member of the MBA is currently drawing 3% interest, and this past year the Board of Directors of the MBA declared an extra dividend of 3%. This money continues to accumulate toward the time of his retirement.

There are so many outstanding features of the Minister's Benefit Association (which I am sure you are interested in) that you probably will want to obtain full information. This can be had by writing to: MINISTER'S BENEFIT ASSOCIATION, 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield, Missouri.



Missionette group at Belen, New Mexico

Missionettes Are Active and Happy

"Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might." This portion of Scripture could well be the motto of the Missionette Club of the Assemblies of God Church in Belen, New Mexico. This group of six ambitious teen-age girls helped to make Christmas happier for fifty Indian boys and girls at San Carlos, Arizona. On the evening of December 10 they met at the home of their sponsor, Mrs. Elizabeth Weiszbrod, for a Christmas party. The purpose of the party was to pack a box to be sent to Brother and Sister O. B. Treece, missionaries to the Apache Indians in San Carlos.

The girls had spent many happy hours making gifts for the Sunday School children in San Carlos, using a pattern that appeared in *Missionette Memos*. Fifty comb and tooth brush holders (complete with combs and tooth brushes) were individually wrapped in gift paper and placed in the box. In addition, gifts were also sent to the Treeces, former pastor of the church in Belen.

Although this group has only been organized since September, Mrs. Weiszbrod says, "The girls have already been a blessing and inspiration to the older people and we feel the club has been of great spiritual value to our girls."

Missionettes, the teen-age girls' missionary club of the Assemblies of God, reports a steady growth with the addition of thirty-six new groups in January. As of February 1, Southern California led the districts with a total of 44 Missionette Clubs, Michigan was second with 19, and the Northwest District followed closely with 18.

Among the many enthusiastic comments received concerning the value of Missionettes, the one that far outnumbers any others is that Missionettes makes the girls feel they are a part of the church.

A sponsor, Mrs. Dennis Blain, North Platte, Nebraska, recently wrote to us, "Missionettes helps keep the girls in church. It helps them to learn to help others. Within the past few months we have had three new teen-age girls in Sunday School as a result of Missionettes."

To secure information concerning the organizing of a Missionette Club in your church, write today for the free pamphlet, "What is the Missionette Club?" Send your request to Missionette Division, WMC Department, 434 W. Pacific Street, Springfield 1, Missouri.

The Unorthodox Ways of God

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and that was all He wanted. How your heart now wells with love! When you hang clothes in the back yard, your neighbor wonders why you sing so brightly—and you tell her. Your witnessing is different this time. The tears in her eyes tell you God has touched her too.

When the children burst into the kitchen after school, they sense a holy atmosphere and unconsciously subdue their boisterousness. Why? The look on mother's face makes them want to be quiet. She has been communing with God.

Can you think of wonderful times when God met *you* beside the washing machine, or work bench, or office desk? Didn't you love Him, and wasn't your heart drawn more closely? It was as though you had looked up from your absorbing duties to see a beloved and unexpected friend. You were refreshed, and the rest of the day was radiantly bright.

Let us never limit our blessings to designated locations or times or we will miss the manifestation of His presence which should continuously accompany our workaday lives. God at times loves to be unorthodox! He delights to intrude Himself into our consciousness while we are scrubbing a bathroom floor, as much as in the church service.

Let us look for Him at all times and in all places. ◀ ◀

The Talking Book

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not sympathize with fallen men. But like the Lord whom it reveals, the Book seems as if it were touched with a feeling of my infirmities, and had been tempted in all points as I am.

THE WORD IS RESPONSIVE

"When thou awakest, it shall talk *with thee*," not to thee. Now, talk with a man is not all on one side. To talk with a man needs answering talk from him. Both of you have something to say when you talk together. It is a conversation to which each one contributes his part.

Scripture is a marvelously conversational book. It talks and makes men talk. It is ever ready to respond to us. Suppose you go to the Scriptures in a certain state of spiritual life: you must have noticed, I think, that the Word answers to that state. If you are dark and gloomy, it will appear as though it had put itself in mourning, so that it might lament with you. But suppose you come to the Book with gleaming eyes of joy, you will hear it laugh; it will sing and play to you as with psaltery and harp; it will bring forth the high-sounding cymbals.

THE WORD IS INFLUENTIAL

That I gather from the fact that Solomon says, "When thou awakest, it shall talk with thee," and follows it up with the remarks that it keeps a man from the strange woman, and from other sins which he goes on to mention.

When the Word of God talks with us, it influences us. The Book's consecrated talk sanctifies and molds the mind into the image of Christ. You cannot expect to grow in grace if you do not read the Scriptures.—Be much with the holy Word of God, and you will be holy. Be much with the silly novels of the day, and you will degenerate into vapid wasters of your time; but be much with the solid teaching of God's Word, and you will become solid and substantial men and women.

Let the Scripture talk with you, and it will confirm and settle you. We hear every now and then of apostates from the Gospel. They must not have been

well taught in the truth as it is in Jesus.

I should like to see a huge pile of all the books, good and bad, that were ever written—prayer books, sermons, hymnbooks, and all—smoking like Sodom of old, if the reading of those books keeps you away from the reading of the Bible. For a ton weight of human literature is not worth an ounce of the Bible. One single drop of the essential tincture of the Word of God is better than a sea full of our commentings and sermonizings. The Word, the simple, pure, infallible Word of God, we must live upon if we are to become strong against error, and tenacious of truth.

God help us to love the Word! ◀◀

CHASE AWAY THE GLOOM

When we turn our faces toward the light, the shadows fall behind us. Never allow yourself to believe that the grace of past days was but a delusion. Never allow the territory which you have won by God's grace and power to be wrested from you by the force of the evil one. When the heavens above you seem to be as brass, when there seems to be no response to the perpetual "why?" of your heart, remember what God has been to you in the past, and sing with the psalmist: "He took me from the fearful pit, and from the miry day, and on the rock He set my feet, establishing my way." And the light will surprise you as you sing, and the joy of the Lord will come into your heart and chase away the gloom. For God Himself is behind these things upon which memory is fastened with such enslaving power. "I remember these things . . . therefore will I remember Thee."—*J. S. Holden.*

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A pastor writes: "I have preached many sermons from the knowledge newly gained in the 'Old Testament' studies. I am now studying with great enjoyment to mind and soul, and I am looking forward to taking all the correspondence courses in due time."—Homer A. Fudge, Pastor, Whitewright, Texas.

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Your Questions

ANSWERED BY ERNEST S. WILLIAMS

Was it the human nature or the divine nature of Christ which was without sin?

It was both. We know that His deity was without sin. His humanity also was developed in such manner as to make it sinless. The angel said to Mary, "That *holy* thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God" (Luke 1:35).

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Is there scripture for the teaching that we suffer in this life because we have sinned? My little daughter is saved, but has suffered most of her life. How could she be made to suffer because of her sins?

There was a belief among the Jews that many sufferings were caused either by a person's sins or by those of his parents. Jesus showed that this was not necessarily true. Read John 9:2.

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If children are born deformed either mentally or physically, is it because of sin in the lives of the parents?

I believe Jesus answered this question. The disciples asked Him who had sinned, the blind man or his parents. Jesus answered, "Neither hath this man sinned, nor his parents" (John 9:3).

We do know, however, that the baneful results of social sins may be passed on to children. Some afflictions are caused by social diseases contracted by parents. But if parents have lived as they ought, they never need condemn themselves should they have children born with infirmities.

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Is it wrong to permit our children to play in the school band or to play football?

Young people are lively and need outlets for their energies. If these energies cannot find expression in wholesome activities they are likely to find an outlet in activities which are not wholesome. If we deprive children of all activities in sports, music, and such things, I fear we may develop in them an "inferiority complex." There is danger of making them "wall flowers,"

retiring and deficient in that confidence which is so vital in making their way in the world.

No parents want to make religion distasteful to their children. We must not drive them from religion into bitterness against it, but encourage them to participate in school activities that are wholesome.

Let the children be taught that in whatever they do they should seek to show a Christian spirit, and let them be given Scriptural principles to guide them in distinguishing right from wrong.

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What did Jesus mean when He said, "Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect" (Matthew 5:48)?

We might look at this as a matter of pattern. Only God is absolute in perfection; we should therefore take Him as our pattern rather than any excellence of infirm man. The Greek word here for "perfect" carries the thought of being *complete* or *mature*.

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Why did Jesus tell the rich young ruler that no one but God was good? Was not Jesus good?

The young ruler saw Jesus as a "good master," or teacher. Jesus would have him see Him as more, as Deity, "God manifest in the flesh." To do this He would let him know that only in God was absolute goodness or perfection of character. Jesus as much as said, "Why callest thou *me* good unless I am God?" If the young ruler wished to be saved he must see Him not as a "good master" or teacher, but as God. Deity and humanity were united in Him, and He was the expression of this absolute goodness.

If you wish Brother Williams to answer a question, send it to "Your Questions," *The Pentecostal Evangel*, 434 W. Pacific St., Springfield 1, Mo. He will answer either in this column or by personal letter.

Revivaltime Beamed From WIVV, Puerto Rico



ON SATURDAY EVENING, FROM THE beautiful Island of Puerto Rico in the West Indies, a Full Gospel broadcast suddenly penetrates the dusk and rides the soft sea breezes of the enchanting Islands of the Caribbean. From WIVV, a Christian radio station, REVIVALTIME finds its way across the waves and into the Island homes of men and women who are hungry for the "Bread of Life."

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DISPLAYS REVIVALTIME SIGN—

Pastor H. W. Thiemann of Powell, Wyoming, says: "Our church here in Powell is just two blocks from the high school, and our corner is the first place coming this way where there isn't a 'No U Turn' sign. As a result of this, young people by the dozen who drive their cars to school make our church corner the 'hub of the city' during the noon hour. So we are placing our new Revivaltime sign in such a position that it will be read by many passersby."



members and friends of the Assembly of God in Delano, California (Lloyd J. Cagle, pastor). This church has caught the vision of how they can reach thousands of these Island people by sponsoring the REVIVALTIME broadcast in that area.

A WIVV news bulletin from the station manager says, "Since we went on the air last month, listeners have written us from thirty-five different States, islands, and countries. In a group of English-speaking islands to the east of us, we picked up over 100,000 listeners the first two weeks. The audience is still growing as thousands more join the ranks of our regular listeners. A survey of two thousand people in six of the islands shows an average of over eighty per cent of the total population are listening to WIVV. Time has not yet allowed us to make a survey in Puerto Rico and several other larger islands, but we do know from letters that we already reach a quarter of a million listeners."

On one visit to an island 275 miles southeast of the studios, a survey found that seventy-five per cent of the people were listening to WIVV. Another survey sixty miles to the northeast discovered that out of three hundred people interviewed, only five had not been listening regularly. *None of these five had radios.*

From the letter excerpts it is clear that much spiritual good has been derived from this special effort on the part of those in Delano who have determined to follow the challenge of winning the lost to Christ. We have the promise that His Word shall not

return unto Him void. We know that as REVIVALTIME'S anointed messages continue to penetrate the darkness of sinful hearts, God's Word shall find a lodging place and bring men to a saving knowledge of Christ.

"The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much...." Therefore we would urge you to join with these friends in Delano, California, in praying for the salvation of souls in Puerto Rico and the thirty-five States, islands, and countries where listeners to this one station can hear REVIVALTIME.

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Radiant

Would you like to be a radiant Christian? You may be. Spend much time in prayer. You cannot be a radiant Christian in any other way. Why is it that prayer in the name of Christ makes one radiantly happy? It is because prayer makes God real. The gladdest thing upon earth is to have a real God! I would rather give up anything in the world, or anything I ever may have, than give up my faith in God. You cannot have vital faith in God if you give all your time to the world and to secular affairs, to reading the newspapers and to reading literature, no matter how good it is. Unless you take time to fellowship with God, you cannot have a real God. If you do take time for prayer you have a real, living God, and if you have a living God you will have a radiant life.

—R. A. Torrey

Don't Discard the Jawbone

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we'll be glad to go. Count on us!"

Then it happened!

Suddenly I found myself standing with Mr. Miller, another member of our party, singing to men behind prison bars, "Yes, I know—I surely know—Jesus' blood can make the vilest sinner clean." In a moment we had reached the line, "In temptation He is near thee. Holds the powers of hell at bay." The power of God was sweeping over my soul. It was so real to me again. *There was life in the jawbone once more.* Living water was pouring forth. I was refreshed. My weariness had evaporated. The urge to sing and testify and pray was upon me. The day before, I had felt like Samson, "... and now shall I die for thirst, and fall into the hand of the uncircumcised?" All of us get "dry" and feel that we can't take another step. Then our Father has a way of "cleaving a hollow place... in the jaw..." so that "... our spirits come again..." and "... we are revived."

Friend, there is still power in that song of yours. Preacher, there is still truth in that sermon. Worker, there is still satisfaction in that service. *Remember what God did for you yesterday, and be revived!*

There are beautiful illustrations of this truth throughout the Word. Let me refer you to Hagar's case.

The record says: "And the water was spent in the bottle, and she cast the child under one of the shrubs. And she went, and sat her down over against him a good way off, as it were a bowshot: for she said, Let me not see the death of the child. And she sat over against him, and lift up her voice, and wept. And God heard the voice of the lad; and the angel of God called to Hagar out of heaven, and said unto her, What aileth thee, Hagar? fear not; for God hath heard the voice of the lad where he is... And God opened her eyes, and she saw a well of water; and she went, and filled the bottle with water, and gave the lad drink."

Don't throw it away. Don't quit! It will work again. The same instru-

ment that overcame your enemies will provide the answer to your own thirst. *Hold on to that promise!* He is not only the "Author" of your faith, He is also the "Finisher" of your faith.

Over in the New Testament we have a similar instance. The disciples had toiled all night without results. Their efforts were futile. There seemed nothing to catch. Then Jesus said, "Launch out into the deep, and let down your nets for a draught." The record says: "And when they had this done, they enclosed a great multitude of fishes: and their net brake."

I am ever grateful for His encouragement. Though you are a conqueror one day with "heaps upon heaps," you may reach a place a few days later where you have your back to the wall and the enemy pressing in upon you. That's when you need Him most; it's just like the song says, "Jesus is near to comfort and cheer—*just when I need Him most.*" He will keep His promise, "Call unto Me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, *which thou knowest not.*"

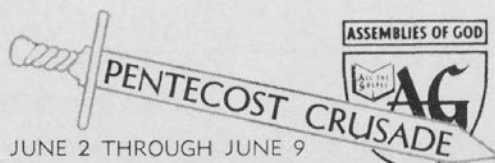
Friend, the power of the Gospel is inexhaustible. There's always more to tell. There will always be strength to slay the enemy and water to refresh the soldier of the Cross.

"How dear to my heart is the story of old,
The story that ever is new,
The message that saints of all ages have told,
The message so tender and true.

"It comes to my soul when the tempter is nigh
With snares for my way-weary feet;
It tells of the Rock that is higher than I,
And leads to its blissful retreat.

"When sorrow is mine, and on pillows of stone
My aching head seeks for repose,
This story brings comfort and peace from the throne,
My desert blooms forth like the rose."

Courage, brother! Get up and tell it again! There is still life in the jawbone.



JUNE 2 THROUGH JUNE 9



WHERE DID YOU BURY YOURS?

You know the parable of the unfaithful steward and his hidden talent as well as we do. But have you ever really thought about it in relation to your own money and property? Have you considered that the "nest egg" you have banked or invested may be buried in so far as God's work is concerned? That's right. Just as truly as if you'd wrapped it in a napkin and hidden it away!

"But," you say, "I must depend upon the income from my money and property to maintain me as I grow old." If so, you are exactly the person who should read the free booklet on Assemblies of God Annuity Agreements. It explains in detail how you can bring your earthly means out of hiding and put them to work for God—without losing the income you need. In fact, *the income might actually be increased!*

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Fagots From the Torch of Evangelism

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

► LAWRENCE, Kans.—The Musical Hilds of Minneapolis, Minn. recently concluded a good revival campaign here. Quite a number were saved, and every service was signally blessed of God as Evangelist and Mrs. Paul Hild ministered in Word and music.

—J. J. Krimmer, Pastor

► EDINBURG, ILL.—Approximately 15 souls were saved or reclaimed during the recent 10-day revival conducted by Evangelists Blanche Fiscus and Beverly Peak of Mt. Carmel, Ill. Many testified to God's healing power, and some were filled with the Holy Spirit.

—Gilbert Best, Pastor

► APOPKA, FLA.—Many new consecrations were made during the recent meetings here with Evangelist and Mrs. J. E. Winstead. It was indeed a time of spiritual refreshing. The attendance was very good. A special tithing skit was presented, and the finances of the church have shown a good increase since that time.

—R. J. Gatlin, Pastor

► OLIVEHURST, CALIF.—God gave First Assembly a gracious revival under the ministry of Evangelist Larry Godfrey of Plainview, Tex. Eighteen sought the Lord for salvation, and more than 15 were baptized with the Holy Spirit. Every service was marked by the blessings of God. The revival spirit continues in the church.

—Searl Stover, Pastor

► CAMROSE, ALBERTA, CANADA—Evangelist Jimmie Hearn of Columbus, Ga. held a series of one-night meetings in Alberta during the past Christmas season. Each service was blessed of God. He ministered in Hughenden, Killiam, Camrose, Edmonton, and Calgary.

—M. L. Olson, Pastor

► TILLAMOOK, OREG.—Evangelist Don Gossett has just concluded a very successful revival in the church here. The dynamic preaching of the Word was confirmed with signs following. People were healed of many afflic-

tions, including goiters that dissolved instantly, deafness, crippled limbs, and many other afflictions. On one particular evening seven elderly people were saved by the grace of God. Members of the church for many years say these meetings have seen some of the largest crowds ever to attend the church. The Sunday School enjoyed a substantial increase each week during the meeting, and many new people are now attending the regular services.

—Raymond Harryman, Pastor

CHARLESTON, MO.—Good crowds attended and were stirred by the anointed preaching during the recent meetings with Evangelist and Mrs. John David Wetzel of Jefferson City, Mo. Over 20 were saved and five were filled with the Holy Spirit. Everyone rejoiced in one outstanding healing. A lady had a red rash covering her face, and after prayer was completely healed. The Sunday School has experienced a steady growth in the past few months.

—Paul Adams, Pastor

EVANGELISTIC CAMPAIGN CALENDAR

STATE	CITY	ASSEMBLY	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR
Ala.	Elba	A of G	March 5-17	Nelson White & wife	C. E. Simms
Calif.	Bakersfield	Riverview	March 10—	Billy Guthrie & wife	L. M. Vaughn
	Benicia	A of G	March 10-31	John C. Poteet	E. L. Klinsky
	Mentone	A of G	March 3—	O. R. Ball	E. T. Collins
	Oakland	Calvary Temple	Feb. 24—	Ralph I. Cranston	Oliver L. Foth
	Pasadena	* Trinity	March 10-24	Velmer Gardner	R. L. Davis, Chm.
	San Rafael	A of G	Feb. 24—	Tom Ming, Sr.	William Vickery
	Santa Cruz	** A of G	March 4-17	Williard C. Peirce	Raymond Murray
	Vallejo	First	Feb. 24-Mar. 10	Gene Martin & wife	Keetah Jones
D. C.	Washington	Full Gosp. Tab.	March 10-24	Watson Argue	Lloyd Christiansen
Fla.	St. Augustine	First	March 3-17	Fred Numrick	C. R. Inman
Idaho	Nampa	A of G	March 5—	Johnny Hoskins	Ray D. Murphy
Ill.	Galesburg	Calvary	March 5-17	A. F. Di Musto Party	H. J. Waltermann, Jr.
	Lombard	A of G	March 5-17	Joel Palmer & wife	Eugene Huff
Iowa	Sioux City	First	March 10-24	L. B. Lewis	Kenneth Baker
La.	Oak Grove	Fiske Union	March 3—	E. H. Sherratt & wife	Harry McKoin
Mo.	Kansas City	*** Sheffield	March 3-10	Gladys Voight	C. W. Quattlebaum
Mont.	Conrad	A of G	March 3-17	Ruth Specter	G. J. Mandigo
Nebr.	Bridgeport	A of G	March 6-17	Wendell Reed & wife	J. C. Garrett
N. Mex.	Moriarty	A of G	March 10—	Dora Lane	D. B. Chaney
	Roswell	First	March 3—	Donnell-Holler	Edgar Newby
N. Y.	N. Tonawanda	Evangelistic Ctr.	Feb. 26-Mar. 10	Al Reid Party	Homer C. Cooper
	Valley Stream, LI	Bethlehem	March 3-24	John & Olive Kellner	Gerard Morriello
Ohio	Columbus	Calvary	March 7—	Don Ripley	L. E. Loretz
	Louisville	First	March 5-17	Eddie Roush	Arthur Sholtis
Okla.	Tulsa	Capitol Hill	March 3-17	R. Alan Davis	M. D. Hartz
	Webbers Falls	** A of G	March 3-10	N. B. Rayburn	M. D. Parsons
Oreg.	Mill City	* A of G	March 10-31	Carl Johnson, Jr.	Helan Davis, Chm.
	Springfield	First	March 3-10	Peter Jepsen	Lester Carlsen
	Willamina	A of G	March 5-17	Don Gossett	Harry Olsen
Pa.	Chambersburg	Bethel Pent.	March 6-24	Busse Evang. Team	Samuel Weidler
	Hazelton	Faith	March 3—	C. S. Tubby	J. B. Woolums
Tex.	Albany	A of G	March 3—	Branham-Steele	Tommie Hughes
	Athens	First	March 3-17	Tanner Team	C. E. Wilson
	El Paso	First	March 6-17	Christian Hild	Wm. Hageman
	Midland	First	Feb. 28—	George Gospel Team	R. I. Stewart
Va.	Big Stone Gap	A of G	March 3-17	Oliver Johnson	C. T. Chegwin
Canada	Kamloops, BC	Calvary Temple	March 10-24	Evelyn M. Olsen	Dave Carlson

* United Revival

** Workers Training

*** Children's & Youth Revival

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

► OTTAWA, KANS.—The First Assembly of God has just concluded three weeks of great meetings with Evangelist Ferdie C. Jay of Mount Lake Terrace, Wash. The presentation of the Word was mightily anointed of the Holy Spirit, and was used of Him to build faith in the hearts of the listeners. Souls were saved and sick bodies were healed.

—Bennie R. Harris, Pastor

SOULS SAVED THROUGH COTTAGE PRAYER MEETINGS

SAUSALITO, CALIF., Jan. 5—The spirit of revival continues in our midst although we do not have an evangelist. At last night's cottage prayer meeting, 11 adults and 13 children gathered to wait on God for specific needs and for the baptism of the Holy Spirit. These prayer meetings were the desire of the people, and there has been no lagging on their part since they were started about 13 weeks ago.

One month ago our group consisted of five or six women, who have continued in prayer for their unsaved husbands and for the work of the church. The attendance has doubled as God has begun to answer prayer.

We wanted to baptize our new converts in water at the watchnight service, and since we do not have a baptistry we had a joint service with the San Rafael Assembly of God. Two couples and our nine-year-old daughter were baptized. When we started to dismiss the service around 12:30 a.m., there was such a spirit of weeping that no one felt like leaving. One man was so moved by the Spirit that he almost ran to the altar, weeping and praying for forgiveness of his sins. He is another one of the husbands for whom we had prayed. This brought such a wave of rejoicing that even the children returned to the altar and began to seek the Lord in earnest.

There is a sweet spirit of fellowship in the church. We are continuing to pray that all of our people will receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit, and that we will be able to build a church soon.

—James C. Walton, Pastor.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

AREA-WIDE WORKERS TRAINING COURSE—Mar. 4-8 at Redding, Calif. Dewey Heath, instructor.—by Jack W. Wien, Sectional S. S. Representative.

HOMECOMING, ANNIVERSARY AND DEDICATION SERVICES—Mar. 10 at First Assembly of God Cor. of Olive and Spruce Sts., Earlimart, Calif. Three services; special speakers.—by Rom Mann, Pastor.

MISCELLANEOUS

WANTED—Sunday School quarterlies (adult, young people, or intermediate), and Sunday School picture rolls for use on foreign field. Send post-paid to Honore Osberg, 1236 S. Grand, Los Angeles 15, Calif.

CONTACTS WANTED—We are starting a new church at Lone Star, Tex. If you have friends in this area, please send us their names and addresses and we will visit them.—Lloyd Bates, Route 1, Daingerfield, Tex.

Faithful Worker Called "Home"

The Lord has called Sister Marie Burman from our midst, after forty years of constant, faithful service at Glad Tidings Tabernacle, New York City. Sister Marie was 81 years old. She had been an ordained minister of the gospel since 1912.

For many years Sister Marie was director of the Glad Tidings Children's Church, and many of the young people look back on those days and realize how much of their Biblical background they received in her classes. In addition to the spiritual benefits which they derived from attending the Children's Church, Sister Marie wanted her city-bred "children" to know what the country was like and she made provision for the boys and girls to spend at least two weeks each summer away from the swelteringly hot city atmosphere.

It seemed her whole life was wrapped in these children and there wasn't room for anything else, but Sister Marie had so

much vitality that it overflowed into other departments of the church. She was active in street meetings. As long as it wasn't pouring with rain she and her faithful workers were out in New York City's "highways" proclaiming the Word of God and encouraging the needy to bring their cares to the loving Saviour.

Her Sunday School Women's Bible Class was very important to her. She prayed much, studied much and had much to give her members. She didn't merely teach a lesson; she taught Christ and how to live for Him victoriously through the Spirit's power.

Her Homegoing was a sad occasion for she was not only a worker but a friend. She was never too busy to lend a sympathetic ear and to pray with those who had cares and couldn't seem to leave them with the great Burden-Bearer.

Glad Tidings folk met on Saturday, January 5th, to say, "Farewell, dear Sister Marie, until that morning when we all will meet again in the glories."

—by Marie E. Brown, Pastor
Glad Tidings Tabernacle, NYC



TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS

Opportunity

FOR FELLOWSHIP AND COUNSEL

How grateful we are to the Lord for the wise and godly men who have led us forward in the Assemblies of God. Ernest S. Williams, who served as general superintendent of the Assemblies of God for twenty strenuous years, is one of these who has endeared himself to all in our constituency by his life, ministry and leadership. Brother Williams will be bringing the message at the second evening rally of each of the REGIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTIONS. He also will assist in the conferences.

Join hundreds of other delegates who will be attending these gatherings to equip themselves for better service in their own churches. There will be conferences on all phases of Sunday School work, in addition to the evening rallies, exhibits; visual demonstrations, panel discussions, and other activities of Sunday School interest. Attend the convention nearest you.



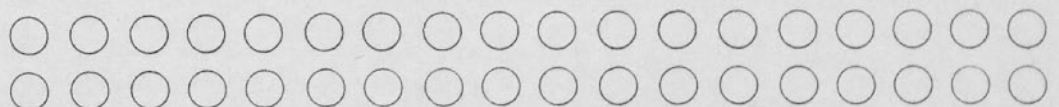
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MARCH 5, 6, 7

SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA
MARCH 12, 13, 14

SPOKANE, WASHINGTON
MARCH 27, 28, 29

DES MOINES, IOWA
APRIL 9, 10, 11

ROCHESTER, NEW YORK
APRIL 23, 24, 25





Ku Klux Klan Building "Converted"

A story of progress in San Pedro, California

Thirty-two years ago the Order of the Flaming Cross constructed a \$250,000 red brick edifice in the heart of San Pedro, California. Today, the gospel of the victorious Christ is being preached in this two-story building which occupies four city lots. And the story of how it happened is a twentieth-century miracle.

In the prosperity of the mid-1920's, San Pedro's Ku Klux Klan constructed a massive 100-by-180-foot headquarters at what is now 867 West Tenth Street. Shortly after the building was completed, the depression came. For two decades the building was vacant. During World War II it was used to house officers but was vacated again in 1945.

In 1949 a local realtor learned that the San Pedro First Assembly was in the market for a new church. He approached Pastor Ralph Salzman about the old K.K.K. building, offering to trade even for the converted mortuary which the church then occupied.

Pastor Salzman toured the building but decided against the proposal. He had a congregation of less than 100 members. How could they undertake so monumental a task of raising the thousands of dollars necessary to renovate the building?

But a few days later God spoke to him, saying that this was to be the new home of First Assembly. Pastor Salzman recalls that as he pondered his inexperience in such an undertaking, the Lord sweetly reassured him that He would direct the work.

There were a number of changes required to make the building suitable for a church,

so Brother Salzman consulted an architect. "Do you know what it would cost for the plans alone to remodel that building into a church?" the architect asked him. "Four thousand dollars!"

When he heard this figure, Brother Salzman admitted that the \$288 in the church treasury looked to him like the sales tax on a widow's mite! However, for \$100 the architect agreed to draw up rough plans to submit to the city building department. And the church prayed.

Ten days later, the original construction plans were found. It cost only \$300 to have them redrawn as needed. That was just the beginning of miracles.

But there were disappointments, too. First, the real estate agency asked for an additional \$5,000 for the building, and finally raised it to \$10,000. A Christian finance company vetoed the church's request for a loan. And in February, 1952, Pastor Salzman read in the local paper that the building had been sold to two business men to be converted into apartments.

Some of the members of the church suggested that perhaps God had something better planned. But Brother Salzman was undaunted. He was sure of God's leading; he claimed God's promise.

He went to talk to the men who bought the building, telling them that God wanted it for a church. He pointed out how the first person who owned the building lost \$32,000 on it and another lost \$10,000. The men felt they could not stand in the

way of God and agreed to sell for \$47,000 cash—their original investment—even though they had the apartment plans already drawn up and materials ordered. Pastor Salzman returned to the Christian finance organization. They, too, sensed that God was in this thing, and granted a loan of \$35,000. A member of the church contributed another \$10,000.

There followed four years of sweat and prayer. Each month brought new expenses, new problems. But God was with the faithful people. They would give all they could for the project at hand, and God would miraculously supply the rest. Two steel fire escapes for the rear of the building were priced by one contractor at \$1000. But God stepped in and the final cost (with the men of the church doing the labor) was \$105.

And so it went; miracle followed miracle, because the people were determined to fulfill the will of God.

On March 4, 1956, the congregation moved to their new church home. The building was dedicated to the Lord on April 23 by F. C. Woodworth, Southern California District Superintendent. Guest speaker was John S. Gibson, Jr., acting mayor of Los Angeles.

The final cost of the remodeling, not including the donated labor, totaled \$38,000. This has all been paid. All the indebtedness that remains now is about two-thirds of the \$35,000 loan. When the old church building is sold, the new building will be very nearly paid for.

Pastor Salzman and his congregation are aware that with increased blessings come increased responsibilities. Within a five-mile radius of the church live 70,000 people, three-fourths of whom are sliding along in truth-obscured saint-worship. Hundreds of homes do not even have a Bible. The people realize that the big job is yet to come. But these who have experienced this great miracle ask, "Is there anything too hard for the Lord?" —George Collins

White Bibles

For Easter Giving

Holman NEW TESTAMENT White Binding

A very attractive New Testament for the busy man or woman. Printed on fine paper in a large legible type on a small page. It contains a 2-color Presentation Page, the Lord's Prayer and 16 Hymns; Gold Titles and edges. Size $2\frac{3}{8} \times 4\frac{1}{4} \times 5\frac{3}{8}$ inches. A beautiful Easter gift that will be carried and cherished at all times.

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Here's an excellent Easter remembrance for the younger members of the family! One they will cherish for years to come. King James Version printed in neat, self-pronouncing Ebony type. 16 duo-tone illustrations help young imaginations to picture Biblical scenes and events. Presentation Page, etc., will make this Bible a valuable keepsake. Size $4\frac{1}{4} \times 6\frac{7}{16}$ inches. Gift boxed.

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WHITE GENUINE LEATHER, same as above (1 EV 310) but with zipper enclosure.

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These lovely Bibles bound in gleaming white convey a feeling of infinite charm and beauty. Authorized King James Version, printed in clear type on best quality paper. Contains Marriage Certificate, Family Record, and four maps in full color. Stamped in gold, pages are round cornered and edged in gold. Bound with special white rayon moire. Printed on India Paper. Size $3\frac{1}{2} \times 3\frac{3}{8}$ inches. Wrapped in cellophane and packed in a white gift box.

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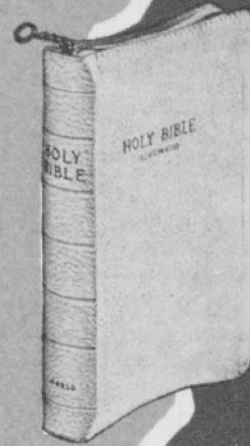
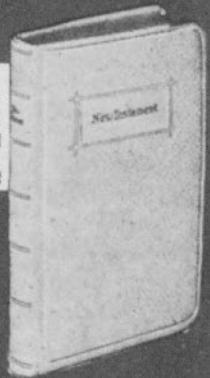
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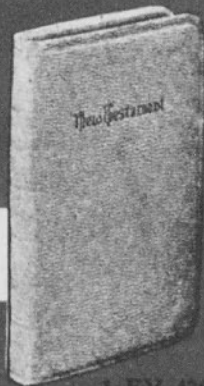
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“JESUS SAITH UNTO HER, MARY”

Many had called her by that name. She had been wont to hear it many times a day from many lips; but only One had spoken it with that intonation. In His mouth its familiar syllables had a sweetness and tenderness which lingered in her heart; as the fragrance of the Roumanian rose-valley clings for many a day to the clothes of those who have entered it.

Her eyes had deceived her. Startled by the sudden glad expression which had passed over the features of the angels, who sat sentry in the sepulchre, she had turned herself back to see the source from which the radiance had gleamed; but even with that hint to help her, she had failed to recognize her Lord. But her ear could not mistake; the voice carried immediate recognition.

We sigh sometimes for “the touch of

a vanished hand and the sound of a voice that is still”; but we shall hear those voices again. Our mortal body is to be fashioned according to the body of Christ’s resurrection; and evidently in that body there were the old familiar tones. May we not, therefore, certainly infer that the voices which welcome us on the other side will be those that hushed us with their lullabies when we were babes; asked us for our love and assured us of theirs when we attained maturity! whispered their dying messages in our ears, and sent us their Godspeed as we went down into the river?

The Master knows our names, and calls His own followers by them. There is one response, which He waits to elicit—one which alone will satisfy Him; one in which the love and devotion of

a life may be summed up. Like Mary, let us turn and say to Him: Rabboni! that is, Master!

—F. B. Meyer

HELPS TO VICTORY

Grandpa’s Contented Mind

By David M. Wellard

Grandpa was always obliging. He faithfully attended church, although he never took part in any of the services.

The fact was, Grandpa didn’t have the victory. He seemed to seek the Lord, but was discontented, crabbed, and nothing would please him.

Then over night Grandpa changed. Peace and joy seemed to ooze from him. The old grumpy sourness had gone. Optimism and cheerfulness were the order of the day. His friends and neighbors were amazed, but delighted at the transformation.

“Grandpa,” they asked, “how came this change? Have you been left a fortune? Have you found a gold mine?”

“Well, it’s like this,” said Grandpa. “All my life I’ve been striving for a contented mind, but it has done me no good, so I decided, by God’s grace, to be contented without it.”

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HE WAS GRADUATED FROM CHRIST CHURCH COLLEGE IN 1727

IN 1735 JOHN AND CHARLES ACCOMPANIED JAMES OGLETHORPE TO GEORGIA. JOHN DID MISSIONARY WORK AMONG THE INDIANS

THE METHODIST MOVEMENT NOW COMPRISES SEVERAL MILLION PEOPLE

John WESLEY

Chloe Stewart

Biographical SKETCHES

18th. Century A.D.

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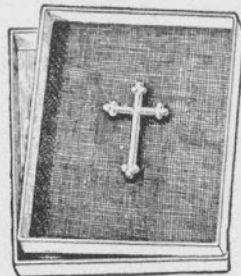
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Say teacher, do you want your class to get the full meaning of Easter? If so then be sure to get your supply of these midget crosses. Children (as well as adults) simply love them, and they are so inexpensive! They are a tiny 1/8 x 1/4 size, gold plated with screw back fastener, mounted on an attractive gift card. Don't miss this opportunity!

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Each year around Easter time this attractive button proves a great attendance booster. Don't let the opportunity for using this tool slip through your hands; order for your Sunday School NOW! The pin pictures a yellow cross and white Easter lilies on a background of lavender.

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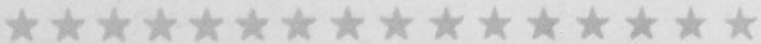
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INSPECTION TOUR

THE DESKS WERE LITTERED—A COFFEE CUP ON ONE, a pop bottle on another, a newspaper and half a peach on still another. Assorted papers were scattered on every desk; the floor was cluttered with paper; ash trays were overflowing—an appearance of general confusion reigned. Unaware of the debris around them, the office employees were deeply occupied with the work of the day.

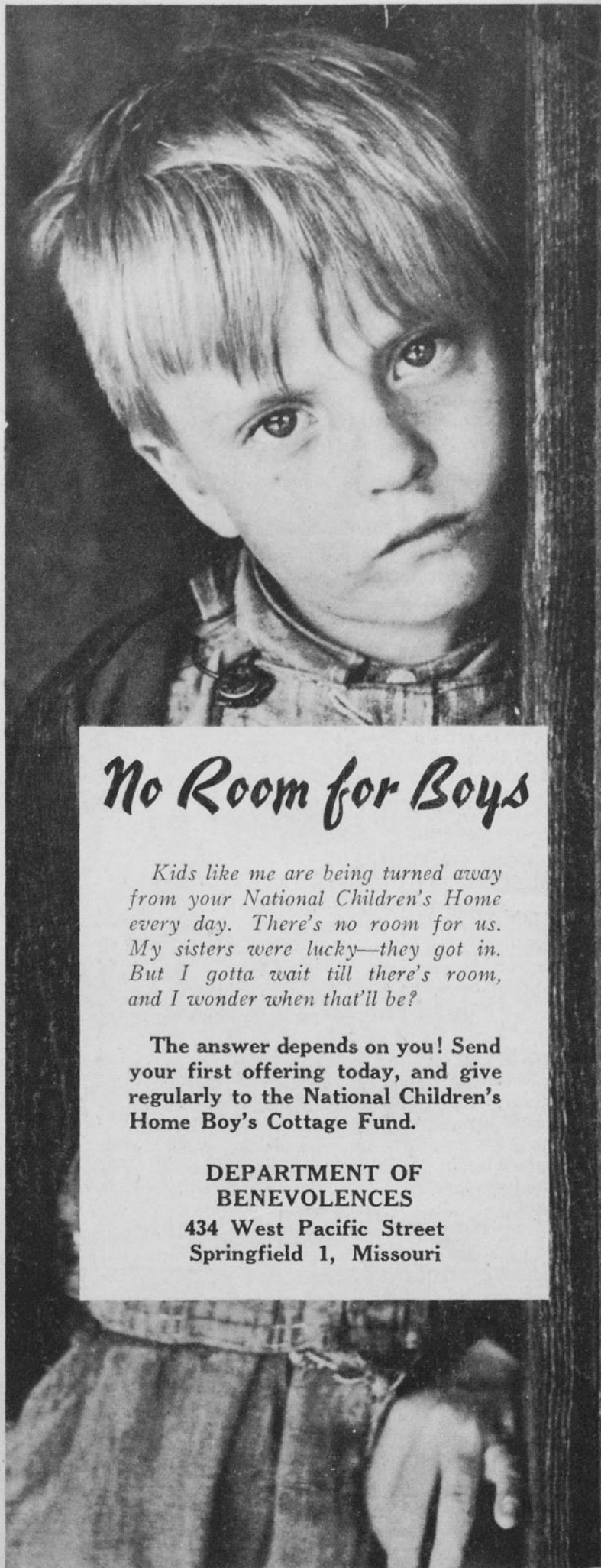
Suddenly the door burst open and one of the airmen assigned to our office rushed into the room.

"Quick! The General is coming!" That's all that was necessary. Without a moment's hesitation every person in that office was on his feet. Drawers were jerked open, coffee cups and pop bottles went into them, and the drawers were slammed shut. The paper on the floor was hurriedly swept from view. Peach seeds were tossed into the trash; ash trays were quickly dumped into the proper receptacle. In one big sweep all foreign objects were put out of sight. And then—the General stood in the door.

After the inspection was made, and things had settled back to normal, I began to think. One of these days we'll look up from our busy lives and see the Lord standing on our threshold. We won't have a moment's warning in which to get rid of the clutter in our hearts and lives. There'll be no time then to hide the seeds of bitterness and greed, the ashes of unforgiven sins, the dirty cups from which we've drunk the wine of slothfulness—the evidence of the way we've spent our lives here on earth. *He'll see us as we are.*

I wonder what He's writing in the book today. Are we being "written up" for carelessness of attitude, slovenliness of character, lassitude in witnessing? Oh, that we might be as much concerned over the unannounced, inevitable coming of the General of the Skies as we are in preparing for a visit from earthly dignitaries! When He comes it won't be enough to grab all our trashy past and try to hide it. Every sin that we think is hidden from mankind will be exposed in all its ugliness at the appearing of our General.

How much better to kneel today at the foot of the Cross, and lay our burden of sin at the nail-pierced feet of the Christ of Calvary, so that in the final day we may hear His "Well done, thou good and faithful servant . . . enter thou into the joy of thy lord!" —*Herald of Holiness*



No Room for Boys

Kids like me are being turned away from your National Children's Home every day. There's no room for us. My sisters were lucky—they got in. But I gotta wait till there's room, and I wonder when that'll be?

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