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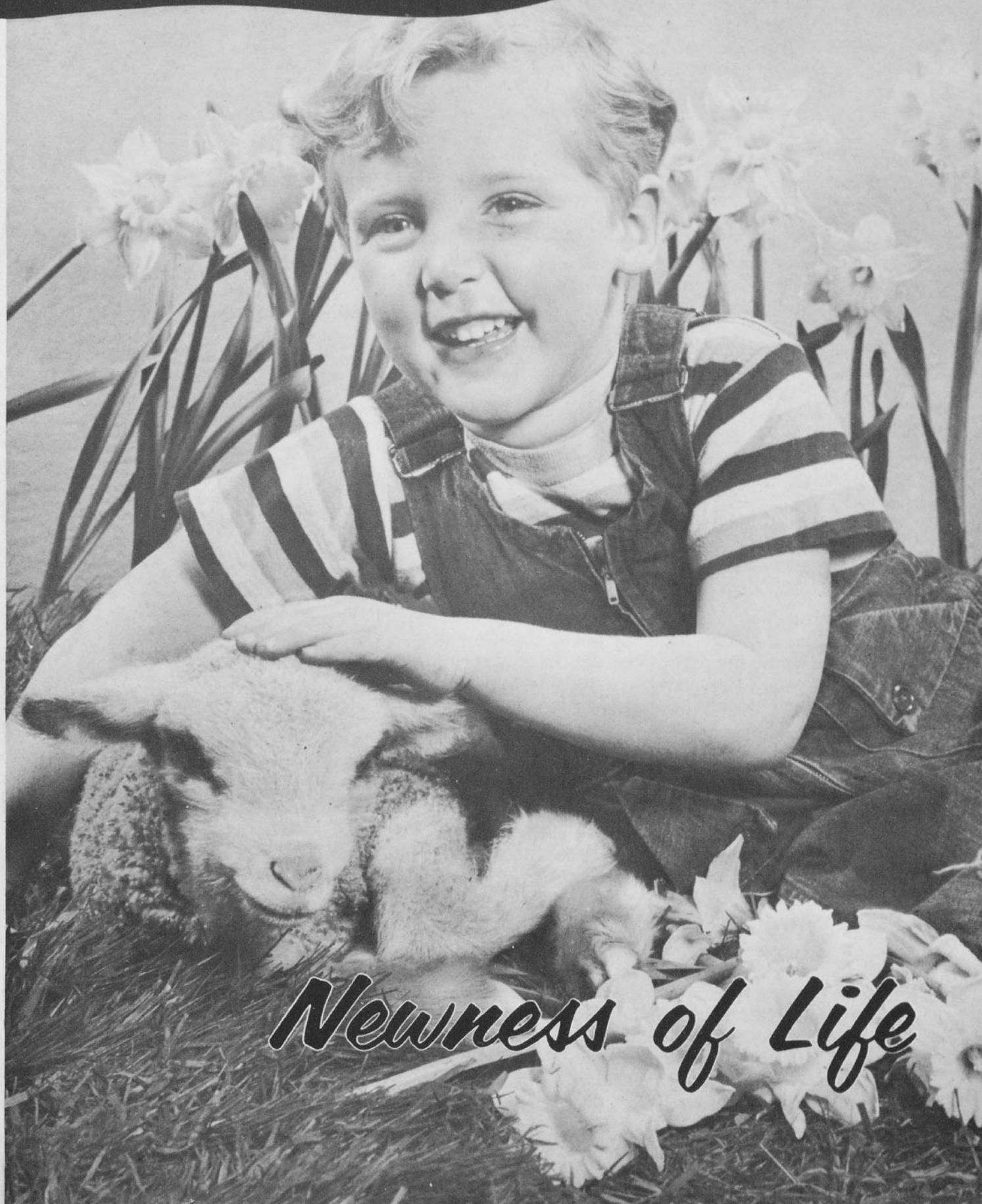
NOT BY MIGHT, NOR BY POWER, BUT BY MY SPIRIT, SAITH THE LORD

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Newness of Life

Alive Forevermore

High in the mountains of Arizona there is a religious shrine. To visit it you must park your car and climb the rocky, winding path on foot. As you ascend you see a statue here and there, with a glass case beside each, containing a portion of the Crucifixion story.

At the summit you find a rugged, wooden cross and on the cross a life-size figure of Christ. It is so realistic you have the feeling that you are actually witnessing the Crucifixion. You gaze on the statue of the suffering Redeemer—the deep lines in His face, the cruel thorns on His brow, the crimson drops of blood over His body, His feet, and on the stones beneath the cross—and your own heart bleeds at the remembrance of your sin. You groan to think it was your guilt that nailed Him to the cross. And then you realize He endured it all because He loved you, and your heart overflows with gratitude and devotion to the Saviour.

Some time later you move away from that sacred scene, and not far distant you find a tomb hollowed out of the solid rock. By the door of the tomb you see a large stone, as though it had just been rolled away. "Ah!" you whisper, "here is the empty tomb. Here is the grand finale of Redemption's Story." You look in, but to your amazement you see a life-size statue of Christ lying in the tomb!

You feel as if the whole world had suddenly collapsed about you, until you realize it isn't so. The figure lying there in the tomb is not real. The people who built this shrine may have been willing to leave Christ in the tomb, but the Bible says He is not dead. He arose! He came out of the tomb. He showed Himself alive after His passion by many infallible proofs, and today He is "alive forevermore." He says that because He lives we shall live also. *Hallelujah! What a glorious hope is ours.*

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Dr. Truett said: "The other day I saw a man, not a believer in Christ, bid his little curly-haired girl of six good-bye. He kissed her little face, and fingered the curls about her ears for a moment, then turned away with seemingly utter despair, saying, 'Good-bye, little tot, forever!'"

"And then came the sweet little mother. She stroked the forehead and kissed the face of her darling, and blessed God for the little girl, even though she had been with them for such a few years. Life was richer and sweeter every way because of that child, she kept saying. Then she kissed her once more and said, 'Good-bye for just a little while, sweetheart. Mother will see you again right soon, and be with you in the Morning.'"

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Said Frederick MacDonald: "Thou hast made death glorious and triumphant; for through its portals we enter into the presence of the living God!" Not darkness and despair, but light and hope. Not a lonesome trail through a shadowy valley but a guided tour to a Celestial City with Jesus Himself in charge.

His tomb is empty—and ours shall be, too, in the morning of the First Resurrection.

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Rejoicing in His Resurrection

BY A. A. WILSON

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THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS Christ in many respects is the most important fact of Christian history. It is the Gibraltar of Christian evidences—the Waterloo of infidelity and rationalism. Its importance by the early church was such that in every sermon preached, the mention of the resurrection stood out like a mountain peak, and served as an anchor of the soul to the believing child of God.

The vast importance of this great event was seen in Peter's first post-Pentecostal sermon, as recorded in Acts 2:25-36. Again we see the importance of the doctrine, when we consider what Paul says in Romans 10:9—"That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved."

The true doctrine for salvation is found in the preaching of Paul in 1 Corinthians 15—"For I delivered unto you, first of all, that which I also received; how that Christ died for our sins, according to the scriptures; and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the scriptures." The form is exemplified in water baptism, as we read in Romans 6—"Therefore we are buried with Him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. For if we have been planted together in the likeness of His death, we shall be also in the likeness of His resurrection."

The devil, no doubt, felt sure that when Jesus was nailed to the cross he had wrecked the plan of salvation; but he must not have heard Jesus say—"Except a corn of wheat fall into

the ground and die, it abideth alone; but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit." The death of Christ was in the program of God. So on the third day that Christ was in the grave, the Holy Ghost began His quickening (life-giving) work, as we read in Romans 8:11—"But if the Spirit of Him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, He that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by His Spirit that dwelleth in you."

This great truth of His resurrection is proven by the Book of Acts. "... He was taken up, after that He through the Holy Ghost had given commandments unto the apostles whom He had chosen: to whom also He shewed Himself alive after His passion by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God."

For forty days He was with them. They heard Him, saw Him, and touched Him, as we read in 1 John—"That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, of the Word of life."

Another outstanding proof of the resurrection of Jesus Christ is found in John 20:1-10. It has ever been an interesting thought to me to consider Mary Magdalene, the one who came to the tomb while it was yet dark—the one who had enjoyed such a transformation in her life that, in the words of the poet, she could have said—

"All that I want is in Jesus,
He satisfies, joy He supplies;
Life would be worthless without Him—
All things in Jesus I find."



We have seen the certainty of the resurrection of our Lord Jesus, but what is its significance? His resurrection guarantees certain great truths.

First, it guarantees the inspiration of the Scriptures. It was the crowning fulfillment of a great series of prophecies. Every scriptural promise from Genesis 3:15 ("the seed of the woman shall bruise the serpent's head") to the first Christian carol ("For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord") would have meant nothing without a risen Christ. It was a resurrected Christ that appeared to the two disciples on the Emmaus Road, and His voice to them was such that they said, "Did not our hearts burn within us as He talked with us by the way?" It was He who opened their understanding that they might understand the Scriptures. It was He who was raised from the dead:

"Up from the grave He arose,
With a mighty triumph o'er His foes;
He arose the Victor from the dark domain
And He lives forever with His saints to reign,
He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!"

Second, the resurrection of Jesus Christ guarantees for us the deity of our Saviour. Before the resurrection, Christ repeatedly claimed equality with God. He said, "I came from the Father." He said His works were not His own, but they were the works of Him that sent Him. He said, "I can do

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AS AN UGLY BULB TURNS INTO A BEAUTIFUL LILY, SO THE
EARTHLY BODY OF A MAN IS TRANSFORMED INTO
THE GLORIOUS RESURRECTION BODY

Our Resurrection Body

BY D. M. PANTON

WHEN OUR LORD APPEARS IN THE Upper Room, following His resurrection, He reveals the exact nature of the resurrection body.

I. THE SAME BODY

When the disciples see Jesus, they suppose that He is a spirit. Our Lord does not quiet the apostles' fears by saying that there is no spirit-world; or that no apparition can appear; or that a spirit is necessarily invisible; or that a deceptive spirit cannot appear among apostles in the very heart of the Church. What He does say is: "Handle Me, and see; for a spirit hath not *flesh and bones, as ye see Me have*" (Luke 24:39).

That is, *feel* My flesh; and press it, so as to detect the bones beneath. A spirit, He says who made all spirits, is fleshless and boneless; and it is Luke, the physician, who records this anatomy beyond the tomb. It is exceedingly remarkable that in Ezekiel's detailed analysis of what resurrection is—"I will lay *sinews* upon you [the naked *bones*], and will bring up *flesh* upon you, and cover you with *skin*" (Ezek. 37:6)—there is no mention whatever of blood.

Our Lord's words are fearfully important. They establish three facts: first, that resurrection is not the return of the dead spirit, or ghost, but a complete restoration of the man who died—spirit, soul, and body; secondly, that our Lord Himself now possesses, and will possess forever, a body of flesh and bones; thirdly, that so much critically turns upon this fact that He is more anxious than anyone else in the universe that we should know it, and understand it, *and so gave the longest recorded interview after the resurrection to establish this point alone*. The fact is most solemn, for it means that the body that sinned will be the body that is judged. The eyes that lusted, the mouth that betrayed, the hand that forged, the feet that trampled its

enemy's face into gore—that body is coming again.

II. A CHANGED BODY

The Holy Spirit is a dove that flies through Scripture and through nature on two wings. Truth is often a balance of opposites. Our Lord's body in the Upper Room—at first, in its new functions and powers, unrecognized, yet very soon, from its surviving scars, absolutely identified—is the prophecy, though not exactly the model (for He never corrupted) of the double entity which is resurrection. "Who shall *change* this body of our humiliation"—not exchange it, much less annihilate it, but pass it under a profound transformation—"that it might be conformed to the body of His glory" (Phil. 3:21).

Now Paul, under the guidance of the Spirit, has seized on an analogy in nature which reveals the ground-plan

of God. The seed we sow answers the question put to the Apostle: "With what *manner* of *body* do they come?" For what happens to the seed after burial? It dissolves; and its husk, its material wrappings, disappear under the action of the earth's moisture and heat. Later on, its life-germs, which no biologist's microscope or scalpel has ever disclosed, and which, though buried, do not perish, simultaneously shoot upward and downward; and lo, something breaks up forcibly out of the earth as startlingly different as a lily is unlike its bulb. The husk never rises, the life-germ never dies; the husk perishes, the life-germ comes up richer, with leaves, calyx, corolla.

For (in 1 Cor. 15:42) "it is *sown*"—the corpse is a seed entrusted to the earth to grow, exactly as a seed is. We *sow* (we do not *bury*) "in corruption"; it is raised in *incorruption*. "It is sown in dishonor"—physical dishonor, not moral—"it is raised in *glory*." "It is sown in weakness"—too weak even to resist the worm—"it is raised in *power*"—of a material that will never waste, and never wear. "It is sown a natural body"—an *animal* body—"it is raised a *spiritual* body." (There are *heavenly* bodies—bodies made for heaven, like our Lord's new body, and the bodies of the saints that came out of the tombs, Matt. 27:52, 53—and there are *earthly* bodies—bodies made for the life here on earth.) So, for the heavenly life, since *this* flesh cannot inherit the kingdom of God, "we shall all be *changed*, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye" (1 Cor. 15:52). We do not *drop* our bodies at the moment of rapture, we *take* them.

III. A NEW BODY

We have seen, in the scarred Figure in the Upper Room, that our body to come is the same body that died. We

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"I Witnessed a Miracle"

BY DAVID W. PLANK

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I HAVE JUST RETURNED FROM CONDUCTING a military funeral. It was marked by much sadness. Thick gloom enveloped the entire ceremony. From the macabre procession to the grave until the final plaintive sounding of taps, the family and intimate friends of the deceased wept bitterly. Frequent sobs and cries of anguish broke the quiet morning air. A life had ended and the closing theme was one of sorrow, hopelessness, *finis*.

During and since the funeral I have been reminded repeatedly of another such occasion which I was privileged to attend; the contrast between the two was remarkably great. On the 27th of June of last year a great Christian worker was laid to rest at Colorado Springs. Hundreds of close friends filled the room, and as I observed them it was almost impossible to believe that they had gathered for such an occasion. Only the bier confirmed it to be a funeral. There were no tears or apparent sadness. A mourner could not be seen. It was quite true that Dawson Trotman, founder of the Navigators, had vacated his earthly tabernacle, but yet I saw not one evidence of sorrow or grief. How unusual! How incongruous! I was witnessing a miracle.

There were smiles and handshakes that summer afternoon. The widow, Lyla Trotman, warmly greeted many of her husband's friends at the door as they came from far and wide to pay their final respects. Billy Graham continued along the same vein in his address:

"We have not come here today to weep or mourn," he said. "Rather we have come here to rejoice in the triumph

of Daws Trotman who has outstripped us in the race to Christ." Billy also spoke of being called to "the palace for a great coronation," "triumphant death," and of death one moment "and then in an instant the face of Christ."

I had witnessed that day a Christian funeral and indeed it was a miracle. For death, finality, tears and grief had been miraculously displaced by the joy of homegoing, coronation, and eternal triumph.

In the evening memorial service, victory and rejoicing continued to be the dominant theme. Daws Trotman's two lovely daughters sang as a duet their father's favorite song, "He'll Understand and Say Well Done." Mrs. Trotman, dressed in a neat brown suit, stepped up to the pulpit and shared with the large audience her confidence that God's will had been done. She proclaimed in a strong steady voice that though God had taken her dearest possession, yet she knew that "He maketh no mistakes." How miraculous! that a mother and her daughters should be able to participate thus in a "going-away" service for their dearest loved one! We ordinarily expect such an ordeal to cripple the emotions, mind, and body. But this wasn't an ordinary funeral; it was a miracle.

Many who attended the services that day freely admitted that this had been the greatest day of blessing in their lives. My own heart echoed the same response. We had witnessed not a "funeral" but a "homegoing," the blessings of which are the personal heritage of every born-again Christian. This miracle of assurance, calm, and poise is meant by God to be repeated among

Christians and experienced by them whenever a loved one departs. When death strikes, the Christian spirit is one of peace, joy, and good cheer, for we have the steady confidence that the ultimate fact is not death but life. The true Christian is persuaded with Paul that the sting of death has been drawn, and the grave has been robbed of its victory. Death no longer holds terror, for the Resurrection gives us triumph over the grave.

We would not presume to take death lightly, for indeed it is life's darkest night. But the brightness and glory of the Christian hope is sure—"Thanks be to God, who giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Cor. 15:57).

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Resurrection

Ye who fear death,
Behold, the buds are bursting;
Ye who fear death,
Hark, how the robins sing;
Ye who fear death,
Go hear the crocus crying,
Eternal Spring!

Ye who fear death,
See how the trees are greening,
Risen to life before the April sun;
Ye who fear death,
Give way to joy and gladness,
New life's begun!

So has it been
Since days first had beginning,
Glad prophecies of Resurrection Morn;
Weep not before the tomb
In Joseph's garden—
Life is reborn!

—Ralph S. Cushman.

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BY ALFRED PALMA

“The first day of the week cometh Mary Magdalene early, when it was yet dark, unto the sepulchre, and seeth the stone taken away from the sepulchre. Then she runneth and cometh to Simon Peter; and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved” (John 20:1, 2).



Lessons in Love

AS GLEANED FROM
THE EASTER STORY

THE RESURRECTION OF OUR BLESSED Lord was a miracle that crowned all miracles. When the disciples of John the Baptist came inquiring of Jesus if he was truly the one who should come, they received this answer: “The blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, and the dumb speak.” In His own resurrection all miracles took place at once. That is: dumb lips became moist and spoke, deaf ears became sensitive and heard, closed eyes blinked, opened, glistened with sight, and limbs dead and limp became alive and moved. It has truly been said by some that the greatest miracle, once being established, makes easily credible all lesser manifestations of supernatural power.

This glorious victory of life over death and faith over doubt, sets before us the promise, the pattern, and the power of God for the believer. This chapter is bright with resurrection rays. One of the most penetrating is found in the 8th verse; that is, the beloved disciple John truly saw and truly believed, at a time (v. 9) when it had not yet been given the disciples to understand the significance of the resurrection. To John it was not neces-

sary for Christ to make a special appearance (see 1 Corinthians 15) for he who loves most is found to more readily believe and accept the true significance of the empty tomb. “Though now ye see Him not, yet believing ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory.”

However, I would draw your attention to another very practical ray of sunshine in this resurrection chapter.

Mary Magdalene, seeing the stone removed from the mouth of the tomb, ran to tell her discovery to Simon Peter, that disciple who had denied his Master three times just a few days previously. Could she not have gone to any one of the others? Would you have made your way to the house of the denier, or would you have sought after more favorable company?

This, to me, is one of the most positive assurances of living after the promise, the pattern and the power of the resurrected life. For a Christian to possess the spirit of forgiveness, the grace of restoring a fallen one, is to follow the example of Christ.

Peter with oaths had denied his Lord. With the crowing of the cock Peter met the gaze of the Saviour. “Jesus turned and looked upon Peter.” In that

tender look Jesus seemed to say, “You have denied me, but I prayed for you. In spite of your sin I love you still.” Peter went out weeping bitterly. The love of Christ is still the great heart-breaker. Who can resist that look of grace? It is the divine hammer that breaks in pieces the heart of stone.

Mary Magdalene followed the example of our Saviour. Let us follow her example. While Jesus had all grace to look up Simon Peter, she had sufficient grace to look him up! Another with lesser grace and spirit would have said, “I’ll never even look upon that offender of the faith again.” How could she have come so near to him who had raised a sword to defend, one moment, and then raised his voice in swearing protests of denial the next? The answer is simple, yet profound. It is found in the words of Jesus in the home of the Pharisee spoken on her behalf. She had been forgiven much, therefore she loved much. This is indeed the love that covers a multitude of sins. The blessed truth of the lively hope of the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead should so absorb the life of the believer that lesser hopes are seen to be divinely possible! If by

the power of God a dead Christ has been made alive forevermore, then by the same token the sinner can be forgiven, the guilty granted grace, the backslider restored! Of all the disciples Mary felt compelled to bring her tidings to Peter. This is still the will of God.

Then too, let us follow the example of John, "the disciple whom Jesus loved." When Mary Magdalene found Peter he was in the company of John the beloved. A common concern brought them together. Divine love is the pivot around which all other matters revolve. How dangerous to lose that first love. What weakness and what poverty seem to mark that person or that church where such love is lacking. As Mary, mother of Jesus, was directed to John for comfort, so also was Peter to find restoring influence in John.

Love is ever understanding. Love grieves when things go wrong. Love seeks to make things right. John, too, had followed Peter into the court yard that memorable night of the denial (John 18:15). Love recognized the favorable as well as the faulty, so John saw the favored look of grace that Jesus placed upon Peter as well as the failure of his erring fellow-disciple. John, who will shelter a mother-love for Jesus' mother, will also shelter a brother-love for Peter. As John so readily saw and believed, he readily loved and forgave.

This lesson is of practical value and should be the practice of every born-again Christian.

Which do you account as being the lesser of the two evils in God's sight, the sudden fall into sin, or that proud look which says, "I'm glad I'm not as other men," thus looking with contempt upon the erring one? If your life has been unspotted, if no disgrace nor blemish has touched your life, rest assured it has been due to the grace and goodness of the Lord. Nothing to boast about, nothing that should impel a proud look, for "nothing in our hand we bring, simply to thy cross we cling" has been and should be the believer's confession and experience.

On the other hand, perhaps one who was your friend has disgraced himself. Perhaps he has fallen as Simon Peter fell. A while back he was an ardent supporter of the church, your dear friend, a contributor to the cause; then something happened. You cannot excuse his offence—his sin. On the con-

trary, you feel most indignant. He has shown a grave weakness; the cause of righteousness has been slandered and you cannot find where he should even expect to be forgiven. He is cut from your list of friends, you disown him, you will scarcely look at him if perchance your ways should accidentally cross. This is the manner of men but not of God. Are we as perfect as our Lord? Are we not but fallen creatures, redeemed and restored? "He who is without sin, let him cast the first stone," still echoes in the ears of every Bible reader.

Let us seek out our wandering broth-

er or sister. Give them a helping hand. Bring them back. Attend to their spiritual need. "Ye that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of them that are weak." He that is weak in the faith we are exhorted to receive. "Restore," says the scripture, "such a one in the spirit of meekness, lest thou also be tempted." Let us not permit the backslider to slide still further back through any indolence or indifference on our part.

"Now the God of patience and of consolation grant you to be like-minded one towards another according to Christ Jesus" (Rom. 15:5).



The First Appearance

MARY MAGDALENE HAD COUNTED the long, dreary hours of the days and nights since the crucifixion, waiting for the morning when she might visit the grave of her Master. She had seen Him lifted upon the cross, had heard His agonizing cry; she had seen Him bow His head in death, had attended when His body was taken down from the tree, wrapped in linen and laid in the tomb; and now the morning of the third day was approaching! Was it love, curiosity, or faith that prompted her to hasten, while it was yet dark, to the sepulchre wherein she knew her Lord had been laid?

Near the place of the crucifixion was a garden, and within that garden was the tomb that received the body of Jesus. Mary, no doubt, was obliged to pass near or over the scenes of Golgotha, whereon the cross, perhaps, was yet standing, with its wide rough arms outspread in forgiving love and benediction over the tangled, drooping verdure of Calvary, trodden to death three days before by the feet of the multitude, who had gathered there to witness the death of the Saviour of the world.

She knew that a great stone had been rolled against the door of the tomb, and when she drew near and saw through the gray dawn that the door was open, fear and love lent swiftness to her feet. She ran to carry the news to those whom Jesus loved, and who, in turn, hastened back to Calvary's

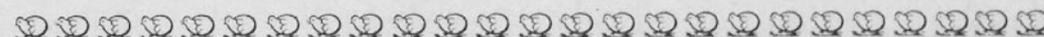
garden, saw, believed, and returned to their homes.

But Mary still lingered, weeping. Again and again she stooped, and through her burning tears looked into the empty bed, unwilling, it seems, to trust her own eyes, lest she might have overlooked Him. But, lo! as she bends for the last time, perchance, to gaze into that darkened chamber, she sees two angels, and hears a questioning voice! Answering, she turns away and confronts one whom she mistakes for the gardener of the place.

She begs this one for directions so that she may find the body of her Lord and take it away.

He answers her with but one word—"Mary." Can human heart today comprehend the feeling of surprise, wonder, and gladness that must have thrilled her very soul when that familiar voice fell upon her ear? or measure the completeness of her joy as she responded—"Master"? We can almost see the wound prints in the hand He uplifts in warning as she, in the fulness of her joy at His reappearing, rushes toward Him with greeting.

And although she could not touch Him with her hands, yet the joy in knowing that her name was the first to pass those sacred lips, and that she was to be His first message-bearer after the resurrection, must have been blessed recompense for her long days and weary nights of anxious waiting.



TESTIMONIES OF PHYSICAL

HEALING

RECEIVED THROUGH PRAYER

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

Healed of Backache

I want to praise God for a wonderful healing I received last January 13.

I had been troubled with backache for fourteen years, off and on. For two months I took electric treatments but they did not help; neither did chiropractic treatments.

I could not lie down in bed when the pains came. The only way I could get any relief was to stand at a table and lean across it.

Our pastor, W. C. Robinson of the Alma Assembly of God, invited people who needed healing to come forward for prayer on Sunday morning, January 13, and I responded. When Brother Robinson anointed me with oil and prayed for me, in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, something happened to me. My back hasn't bothered me since then. It is wonderful what the Lord will do for those who put their trust in Him.—Mrs. Grace Manley, Riverdale, Mich.

(Endorsed by Pastor W. C. Robinson, Alma, Mich.)

Sightless Eye Restored in Answer to Prayer

Our little girl Beverly, at the age of two, fell on a metal foot scraper and severely cut her left eye. The injury left the eye very badly crossed.

When she was eight years old, three eye specialists in Missoula, Montana, examined her and stated that she would never see again out of the injured eye.

Our faith was in God. We believed He would restore Beverly's sight and straighten her eye to a normal condition.

One Sunday evening in February 1954 we took Beverly to the Assembly of God in Ronan, Montana, where Leon P. Mitchell was pastor. The believers prayed for her, laying hands on her in the Name of the Lord Jesus as the Bible teaches. And God answered prayer. Beverly's eye began to straighten as she returned to her seat in the church.

We took her to Missoula to show the doctors what God had done. They were surprised indeed, and very delighted. They advised that she be fitted

Evangelist Healed of Heart Trouble While Preaching

I have spent seven years in evangelistic work. For the past two years I traveled from revival to revival with very little rest, and I began to have severe pains in my chest and through my heart. A few weeks ago I was in Oroville, California, conducting special meetings when suddenly I had a severe heart attack. I was forced to stay in bed all day. For three nights I slept very little.

I felt completely defeated. After much prayer I announced on Wednesday night that I was going to close my meeting and go home. Brother William E. Scott, pastor in Oroville, was led to tell me how God had healed him. Then he laid hands on me and prayed. God gave me the assurance that He was going to heal me. I sent letters to churches asking for prayer. Thursday and Friday nights all I could do was to preach a short message and go right home to bed.

All day Saturday the pain was so intense I could only lie in tears. Spiritual darkness engrossed me. It seemed that God had left me.

Somehow I managed to get to church that night. All through the service I felt that I could not preach. It seemed that I had no revelation of the Word that night.

As I took the pulpit, over 150 people were anxiously awaiting my message. I took one of my old texts that I had

used over a year ago. I offered prayer in one final attempt to reach God—and I touched Him. I preached for about ten minutes, and then suddenly I became carried away in my message. I forgot my heart condition. The glory of God began to engross me. I had not preached with such anointing for months.

As I was preaching, the healing came like cleansing fire. I literally felt healing virtue pour through my heart. I began to dance all over the platform, while shouts arose from God's people.

When I came to my natural self, the altar was filled and souls were crying out to God. The church was rejoicing in my healing.

I went back to my apartment and slept on my left side for the first time in two years. I woke up the next morning as fresh as I could be.

I closed my revival meeting and went to my home in Stockton, California. The following Tuesday I went to a doctor for a checkup. After taking cardiographs he said my heart was in perfect condition. He made a complete examination and told me, "Mrs. Darden, you are in perfect shape."

After a few days of rest I am back in the pulpit nightly. The Lord is our strength; He is our Great Physician. Thank Him for His great love.—Evangelist May Dell Darden, 1906 South Drake St., Stockton, California.

with glasses in order to strengthen the injured eye since it was still considerably weaker than the other.

Her eye continued to improve, and a year later the glasses had to be changed. They were too strong.

Beverly is now eleven years old and we have moved to Grandview, Washington. Recently we took her to a specialist in Yakima for an examination. He stated that she no longer needs glasses.

We want to give God the glory for restoring Beverly's sight and straightening her crossed eye. She says she can see quite well. "My eye is getting stronger all the time," she says. We hope this testimony will be a blessing to others who need the healing touch of our lovely Lord.—Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Wahl, Route 2, Grandview, Washington.

(Endorsed by Pastor Leon P. Mitchell, Ronan, Montana.)

Heart Attack Victim Healed

On January 17, 1956, around 10 p.m., I suddenly became ill with a severe heart attack. I grew rapidly worse, though my husband and children were calling upon God. I realized that I was nearing death's door; only God could do anything for me. The complete left side of my body began to get numb, to cramp, and draw. It seemed my heart had beat its last time.

Our pastor, E. L. Shaffer, was called. I did not know when he came into the room, but as he laid his hand on me

and began to pray, God's mighty healing power swept over my entire body. I was healed instantly and completely. I was up the next morning doing my usual housework, and was left without any defect at all. I have been pastoring a church for ten months now. Praise God, who can do all things.—Mrs Alpha Wade, P. O. Box 738, Grover City, California.

(Endorsed by Pastor E. L. Shaffer, Arroyo Grande, California.)

Delivered From Drink and Tobacco Habits

I want to praise God for the wonderful deliverance He has given me. I was reared in a Christian atmosphere, but wandered far away from God. On February 19, 1956, God wonderfully saved me from my sin and delivered me from the drink habit.

In almost eight years of drinking I had spent nearly \$7,000 for liquor, but in a few minutes God broke the chains of alcohol and set me completely free. I prayed, "God take these filthy habits from me." From that hour to this (a year later) I have been completely free from any desire for alcoholic beverages.

About a week and a half after my conversion God broke my cigarette habit too, while I was working on my job at the foundry.

I have much to praise God for. Ours is now a Christian home, and I've been

filled with the Holy Spirit. God has given me numerous opportunities to testify to the fellows I work with of the wondrous deliverance He has given to me.

(Endorsed by C. A. Weaver, Pastor, West Side Assembly, Davenport, Iowa.)

Leg Lengthened

A number of years ago I fell and broke my leg in two places. My ankle was out of place, too. I was laid up for seven months. I took my first step on crutches, and after some time was well enough to try walking without crutches. To my surprise I found that one leg was about a half-inch shorter than the other. I went to a number of doctors, and they told me it was due to a blood clot.

I called Brother Lacey, the Pastor of Revival Tabernacle here in Naples, Florida. He and his wife came and anointed me with oil and prayed for me. God graciously healed me. When I got up to walk I called my daughter and she too saw how God had healed my leg. Now I walk without limping, and I don't have to wear built-up shoes anymore. Praise His dear name.—Viola Kelly, Naples, Florida.

(Endorsed by J. D. Lacey, Pastor, Revival Tabernacle Assembly of God, Naples, Florida.)

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



Beth Bailey in December, 1956

Healed of Polio

On June 1, 1956, my granddaughter, Beth Bailey, became sick with a high fever. On June 9 her mother called the doctor, who said the child had every symptom of polio. Little Beth grew worse and was unable to walk or turn over by herself.

On June 11 Mrs. Bailey brought the little child to our house in La Porte, Texas. On Wednesday we took her to the doctor here, who diagnosed the sickness as polio. He said, "Get that baby

in a hospital at once; she has a very serious case of polio."

Instead of going to a hospital we took her by the Assemblies of God church where a missionary meeting was in session. Brother Linney anointed the child in the name of the Lord, and God healed her. By Saturday she was able to take as many as five steps alone at a time. She was perfectly healed in just a few days, and she is still healed today. Praise the name of Jesus.—Mrs. Ray Chance, La Porte, Texas.

(Endorsed by Pastor J. B. Linney, La Porte, Texas.)



THIS PRESENT WORLD

Tennessee Churches Now May Cover More Ground

The Tennessee House recently passed a bill to remove the five-acre limitation on the amount of tax-free property a church may own for its place of worship, parsonage, and burial grounds.

"Hymn Festivals" to Honor Charles Wesley's Birth

The 250th anniversary of the birth of Charles Wesley will be celebrated throughout the world during 1957. There will be a number of "hymn festivals" in many cities where Wesley's hymns will be sung.

Charles Wesley was the brother of John Wesley, founder of Methodism. He wrote about 6,500 hymns including "Jesus, Lover of My Soul," "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling," "A Charge to Keep I Have," "Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing," and "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing."

State Department Keeping Missionaries out of Egypt

The majority of requests to the State Department for permission to re-enter Egypt are still unanswered, according to American mission workers who are trying to resume their work in that country. Re-entry requests are being turned down in Washington as being "not in the public interest." Only a small trickle of the hundreds of Americans who work in mission schools and hospitals in Egypt have been able to return so far, but the situation is reported to be "settling down" and one official predicted that all will be permitted to return in due time.

The American Bible Society has carried on its work in Egypt without hindrance during the crisis. Arabic Scriptures are still being printed in Cairo. Both the Bible Society office and the Scripture depot are open, and the complete staff of twenty workers is on the job.

Assemblies Sunday Schools to Conduct Loyalty Campaign, April 28-June 9

As a check against "summer slump," Assemblies of God Sunday Schools across the U. S. will be conducting a loyalty Campaign from Easter through Pentecost Sunday. The theme for the 1957 campaign is "Build with Loyalty." Each week a different group in the Sunday School will receive recognition and be encouraged to continued faithfulness through the summer months.

April 28 is Visitor's Day; May 5, 100 Per Cent Day—to honor classes with 100 per cent attendance; May 12, Mother's Day (family emphasis); May 19, Pupil's Day; May 26, Worker's Day; June 2, Pastor's Day; and June 9, Achievement Day when those with outstanding attendance records will be honored.

The National Sunday School Department of the Assemblies of God provides helps for conducting the campaign. A handbook containing ideas for each department of the School is provided free to each church, or upon request from the National Department, 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield, Missouri.

Missouri May Set Death Penalty for Dope Peddlers

Dope peddlers who sell to juveniles would be liable to the death penalty under a law being considered by the Missouri Senate.

Japanese Suicide Rate Rises

There was an alarming increase in the number of suicides in Japan last year. Suicide was the main cause of death in the 15-24 age bracket.

No Car Sales in Indiana on Sundays

Both houses of the Indiana legislature passed a bill prohibiting the sale of new or used automobiles on Sunday. Some law-makers tried, without success, to include grocery stores and certain other businesses in the new law.

Alliance Works for Sunday Closing

The Lord's Day Alliance of the U. S. has issued new tracts and material to help church members in their fight for a closing of unnecessary Sunday business in their communities. The headquarters of the Alliance is at 156 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

February Church Construction Sets Another Record

More new church buildings were started last February than in any February on record, the government says. Some \$65,000,000 worth of new church buildings were started, an increase of \$10,000,000 over February, 1956. Church construction ran 18 per cent ahead of last year's record for the first two months.

Postmaster Favors Religious Periodicals

Postmaster General Arthur E. Summerfield has asked Congress for an increase in second and third class postage rates, but he urged that the present subsidized rates for mail of religious and non-profit organizations be left unchanged.

Chilean General Says Priests Are "Anti-Democratic"

A Chilean army general feels that Roman Catholic priests from Spain are anti-democratic and are fostering an "openly anti-democratic" attitude among the Chilean clergy. General Luis Gonzalez declared that these priests "combat any government with persistent passion, and seek to counteract democratic ideals and the men who support them."

Bingo and the Churches

The New York Assembly has approved (for the second time) a proposed constitutional amendment which would permit local option on the legality of playing bingo for religious and charitable causes. Voters throughout that state will vote on the issue next November. We trust New York voters will remember that gambling under any guise is still gambling.

Legislators in Kansas, meanwhile, took a wiser stand. The House killed a proposed constitutional amendment which would have legalized games of chance operated by churches and charitable organizations in Kansas.



A sample of the beautiful scenery to be seen by delegates to the Regional Sunday School Convention at Rochester, New York. This view in Letchworth State Park shows how the Genessee River has cut a spectacular gorge whose rock walls rise to heights of 500 feet. It is one of many outstanding bits of scenery preserved in the New York State park system. (New York State Department of Commerce Photo)

REGIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION TO BE HELD IN ROCHESTER, N. Y. APRIL 23-25

The sixth and final Assemblies of God Regional Sunday School Convention for 1957 will convene on Tuesday evening, April 23 at the Community War Memorial Auditorium in Rochester, N. Y.

Directors of the convention are expecting it to be the best gathering of the series. From the opening service through the morning sessions, afternoon conferences, and night rallies of the next two days it will certainly be an "opportunity unlimited" for pastors and Sunday School workers.

The convention will feature 17 different conferences on all phases of Sunday School work besides visual demonstrations, exhibits, craft workshops, and messages by Sunday School leaders. Among the speakers will be Ernest S. Williams, former General Superintendent of the Assemblies of God.

Thousands have attended the five previous conventions which were held during the last three months in Jacksonville, Florida; Wichita Falls, Texas; Sacramento, California; Spokane, Washington; and Des Moines, Iowa.

ABS, Assemblies Rejoice over New Translation

Mark, the first Book of the Bible to be published in Putu, was joyfully received and dedicated at the Assemblies of God mission station in Putu, Liberia, recently. About 150 persons gathered for the occasion, some walking for six hours to be present.

The translation was published by the American Bible Society in co-operation with the translator, Miss Margaret Wadge, an Assemblies of God missionary. During the service copies of this new book were presented to each of the persons who assisted in the preparation of this translation.

An offering of \$3.27 was taken and sent to the American Bible Society as a token of appreciation for its part in the publishing of Putu Mark, according to the *Bible Society Record*.

No Stamp Honoring Knights of Columbus

The Post Office Department squelched rumors of a postage stamp honoring the Knights of Columbus by announcing it would adhere to its policy of not issuing stamps honoring religious, fraternal, or political organizations. A number of Congressmen had asked the Post Office to issue a commemorative stamp to mark the 75th anniversary of the Knights of Columbus, a Roman Catholic fraternal organization.

Propose Tax Exemption for Tuition Payments

Sixteen bills proposing income tax exemption for tuition payments to private and parochial schools are pending in Congress. The House Ways and Means Committee, to which all the measures have been referred, is expected to appoint a subcommittee to study the problem.

Some observers see this exemption as the logical settlement to the problem of parents who have to pay double school costs because their children attend parochial schools. Others, however, see these bills as an opening wedge for increased demands for Federal aid to church-related schools in violation of the principle of separation of church and state.

Man Can Never End Death

According to the *Saturday Review*, a Yale psychiatry professor "envisions the day when medical science will free mankind from death and people will develop their hitherto unused brain capacity to give meaning to their endless lives."

Christians know that man will never be able to put an end to death. But some day God will. It is the "last enemy" that shall be put "under his feet." And the developing of the "unused brain capacity" may give a clue to our eternal existence. Certainly eternity will be, for the Christian, a time of exploration of the grace and power of our God. Perhaps God has given us this "unused brain capacity" for the time when "this mortal [body] shall have put on immortality." Perhaps it is a left-over from before the Fall, when man had not yet tasted sin and death.

Says Christians in Russia Are Communists

The great paradox of Russia today, at least to the American mind, is that Russia is full of Christians who are also professed Communists. That is what Paul E. Freed, president of International Evangelism, found on a recent trip to Russia.

"I found the Christians whom I met in Russia evangelical and really out-and-out for the Lord," Mr. Freed said. "But I had a shock when all of them said categorically that they were Communists."

"I realized," Mr. Freed went on to say, "that Russian Christians are also part of the Soviet system and do not dare to criticize it or their religious liberty would be in danger, not to mention their lives." Mr. Freed added, "They insist they have religious liberty in Russia."

Mr. Freed stated that he had "heard of no persecution of Christians in recent months," and that there is "outward freedom of speech and worship" in the churches. However, he said he had a "strong feeling" that the publication of Bibles and Christian literature has been curtailed.

Mr. Freed concluded that "there is more religious liberty and tolerance in Russia than we think." He pointed out, however, that almost all the young people are atheists. He said there is a tremendous opportunity and great need to reach these young people for Christ.

Nigerian Sunday Schools Win In International Contest

BY REX JACKSON

WORD HAS JUST BEEN RECEIVED in Nigeria that four of the Nigerian Assemblies of God Sunday Schools won awards in the 1956 contest sponsored by *Christian Life* magazine. This is the latest success of a rapidly expanding Sunday School program in Nigeria.

In October 1955 a special effort was introduced, with October designated as the Month of Sunday School Emphasis. All of the Sunday Schools were encouraged to make special efforts to bring in new people. The results were far beyond expectation, and it was decided that the *Christian Life* Contest should be presented and that any who felt they would like to put forth the extra efforts required in such an international competition should do so.

Ten of our Sunday Schools enlisted and began working. I have never before seen people work so hard either in Africa or America. These Christians really caught the vision, and they gave themselves to six weeks of concentrated effort to get in new people.

I know more about what happened here at Aba than at other places, as this is where we are living. Here the people began working six months before the contest. The C. A.'s offered to make a house-to-house survey of the whole town, and every Saturday afternoon



The attendance at Sunday School was 2,560 on the last Sunday

and each public holiday the whole group were out on the streets, giving out invitations and literature at each house. Long before the contest started the Sunday School had already passed the goal of 500 that they had set.

In addition to the efforts of the C. A.'s, all the members gave personal invitations. Several times street parades were held, and banners proclaimed the invitation to Sunday School. Street meetings were conducted twice a week. A stall was erected in the large city market where invitations and literature were given out. Over 50,000 printed invitations were distributed in the city and surrounding villages during this effort.

The Sunday School rented big trucks and taxis to go out after people. Each truck made three or four trips a Sunday. There are two big high schools about three miles outside of town. These are boarding schools, and the pastor

visited the principals and got permission for the whole student body to attend. They were brought in by trucks. Although the cost of hiring these trucks was too great for the Sunday School to keep on with this effort, the principals of the schools were so impressed that they have given permission for branch Sunday Schools to be opened right in the schools, and workers from the main church go to these schools every Sunday and have Sunday School for the young men.

Two new Sunday Schools have been opened in nearby villages as a result of people who were brought in during the contest in the trucks. The Christians were revived as never before while they were so busily engaged for the Lord.

The attendance reached unbelievable heights. The Aba Sunday School averaged only 255 during the calendar year of 1955, but on the first Sunday



House-to-house canvass by the C.A.'s



Giving out Sunday School invitations



Street parade in connection with contest

of this contest the attendance was 1,480. I witnessed this personally. Every succeeding Sunday saw more than 1,500 present, and as efforts increased all the more, the last Sunday drew a tremendous 2,560 people! Although the church is large and there are two school buildings for the youngest children's departments, we could not begin to get everyone in at one time. So on that day the Sunday School was conducted in three stages. We did not have time for morning service.

To pay for the renting of the trucks and taxis, the providing of printed invitations, handbills, posters, and the many other items used for promotion, the people gave the largest offering that has ever been given in the history of the work in Nigeria. Many of the Christians gave most of their net gains for the month, and it was a real sacrifice for them. Yet the joy that they had in their giving and working made it seem less than a sacrifice to them.

The *Christian Life* contest is for different attendance groups so that small schools do not compete with large ones. In Nigeria, our Sunday School at Enugu won second prize in its division, Aba won third in its division, Umuokwa and Egeda (both rural Sunday Schools) won fourth and fifth in their divisions. In addition, three more schools won honorable mention. So out of the ten entries there were seven winners and we feel this is a wonderful record.

The prizes are all valuable, although unfortunately some of them cannot be

used in Africa. We hope that interested friends in the U.S. might be willing to purchase such prizes as an electric record player, auditorium size (few churches in Nigeria have electricity, and those that do have it use a different cycle of current). A full set of the New Testament on records was one prize that would not be very useful out here, being in English, but any church in America that is ministering to the blind might make use of it. If you would like to help us out by purchasing some of these items that cannot be used here, write to Rex Jackson, Box 41, Aba, Nigeria, West Africa, and we will send you a list of what is available.

Our Nigerian Sunday Schools have received a great inspiration from their success, and even those who did not enter the contest are all fired up to do great things for God this year.

CHURCH PARTICIPATION IN MISSIONARY GIVING

February, 1957

CONTRIBUTIONS

Alabama	\$ 2,231.51	N. Texas	10,641.87
Appalachian	644.97	Northwest	19,629.85
Arizona	1,897.12	Ohio	13,305.74
Arkansas	2,642.48	Oklahoma	11,213.98
Eastern	10,529.84	Oregon	11,428.27
Georgia	1,647.22	Polish Br.	8.00
German Br.	2,202.85	Potomac	8,501.44
Greek Br.	125.00	Rocky Mtn.	13,464.07
Hungarian Br.	112.00	Russian Br.	31.61
Illinois	7,852.17	S. Carolina	365.05
Indiana	4,134.81	S. Dakota	1,591.00
Italian Br.	519.53	S. Florida	5,018.94
Kansas	6,111.66	S. Texas	9,370.22
Kentucky	1,092.58	S. California ..	34,886.35
Lat. Amer. Br.	1,251.86	S. Idaho	1,721.25
Louisiana	1,990.77	S. Missouri	10,010.23
Michigan	9,900.16	Tennessee	2,157.89
Minnesota	10,094.63	Ukrainian Br.	61.90
Mississippi	725.03	W. Central	5,077.65
Montana	4,127.19	W. Florida	2,059.29
Nebraska	3,156.22	W. Texas	4,857.26
New England	2,783.45	Wisc.-N. Mich.	5,828.15
New Jersey	4,966.33	Wyoming	692.07
New Mexico	1,639.00	Alaska	211.94
New York	10,061.45	Canada	704.85
N. Carolina	3,542.02	Hawaii	63.80
N. Dakota	4,393.16	Foreign	80.00
N. Calif.-Nev.	17,948.17	Miscellaneous	67.00

Total Amount Reported	\$291,372.85
District Funds	\$12,827.69
National Home Missions	3,124.79
Office Expense	4,151.51
Given Direct to Missions	52,427.19
	72,531.18

Received for Council Missionaries	\$218,841.67
Received for Non-Council Missionaries	3,111.20
Offerings not allocated to any State	37,896.38
Total Receipts	\$259,849.25

DISBURSEMENTS

Support of Missionary Personnel	\$114,972.32
Missionary Equipment	33,271.64
Missionary Work	96,910.62
National Workers Abroad	9,045.05
Buildings on Foreign Lands	29,773.29
Missionary Transportation	34,576.63
	\$318,549.55
Transferred from Hold Accounts	58,700.30
	\$259,849.25

Bible School Faces Crisis

By Earl Wilkie, Bolivia

DUE TO THE ECONOMIC UPHEAVAL through which Bolivia is passing at the present, prices have skyrocketed beyond all reason. This situation has brought on much suffering among the poor people. The government and outside agencies have done much to alleviate this suffering but further help is needed.

This financial crisis in Bolivia has brought pressure upon our work at the Bible School. When plans were made this year we anticipated that \$30.00 would take care of a student for the four and one-half months term as in previous years, but now with the sudden change in prices we see that it will cost us about \$75.00 for the school term.

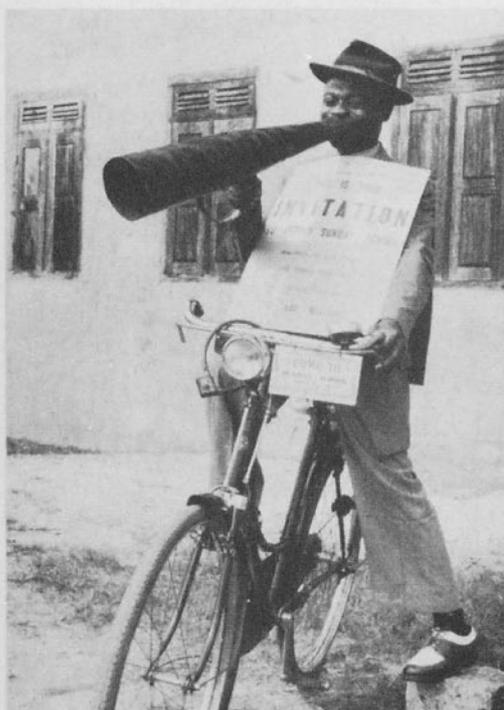
We thank God that our work has grown by leaps and bounds and there is blessing on every hand. Our Bible school students have been mainly responsible for the expansion of the work since almost without exception they have been instrumental in opening up the new churches.

It would be a pity if, because of lack of funds, our school term would have to be shortened, even to the extent of cutting it in half. Therefore, we would ask your prayers that God will send in the needed finances to finish the school year successfully.

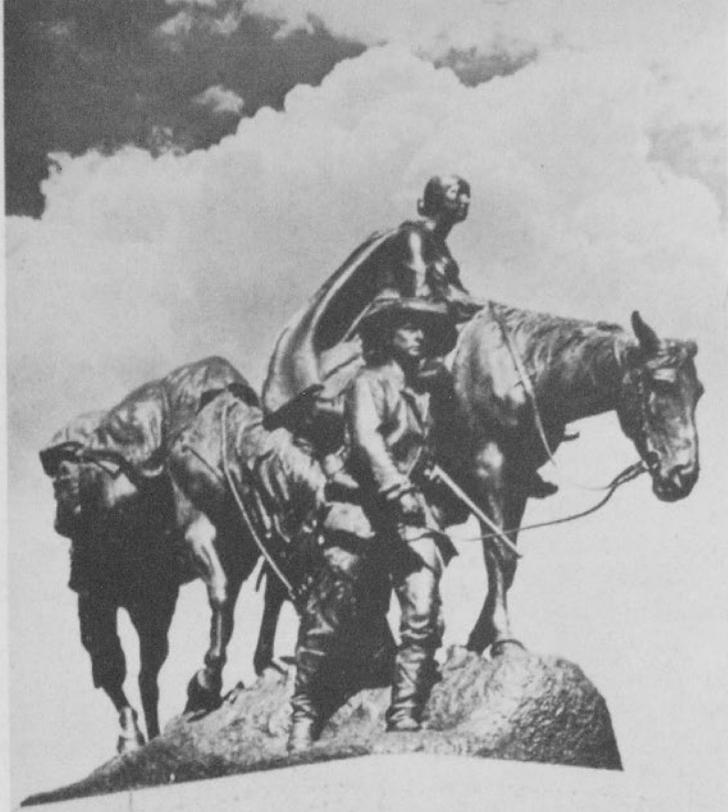
Ten students are as yet unsupported and each of them will need \$75.00 to complete the school year. We are thanking God for His faithfulness in providing for us in the past. Never yet since starting the school in 1948 have we had to finish a school year with a deficit. We are believing that God will help us now in this time of crisis. Please stand behind us with your prayers and offerings. Those wishing to help may send their gifts to Noel Perkin, 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield, Mo. designated "Earl Wilkie, Bible School Students, Bolivia."

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Note: The Foreign Missions Department considers the Bible Schools one of the most important phases of our work abroad, and the curtailment of this Bible School would greatly affect the growth of our work in Bolivia.



Announcing Sunday School



Is Your Home Complete?

BY ALICE REYNOLDS FLOWER

Statue of "The Pioneer Mother"

WITH HOLY SATISFACTION God rested after all His marvelous creative endeavors. The earth, the sea, the sky gave witness to His power in framing the universe which was to house His master-creation, Adam and Eve. For their special comfort God had planted a garden in which grew "every tree pleasant to the sight, and good for food." There was a special river to water that garden—the whole a prospect beyond description. No wonder God rested as He beheld "everything that He had made . . . very good."

To Adam the crowning earthly joy was the gift of Eve to share with him the loveliness of Eden. She was his God-given helpmeet; and now the first family was established in its home. More than human association was involved in this, however. There was God-relationship for Adam and Eve. It was God's garden, and Adam and Eve could enjoy its rare privileges only through continued obedience to Him.

Obedience to Him brought delightful communion with Him. No doubt they frequently heard "the voice of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day" and ran to meet Him as happy children would greet a loving parent. Disobedience broke this communion, bringing shame and fear. Somewhere outside Eden the couple established another home, a poor substitute for the first home where they had fellowshiped with God in the completeness of His favor.

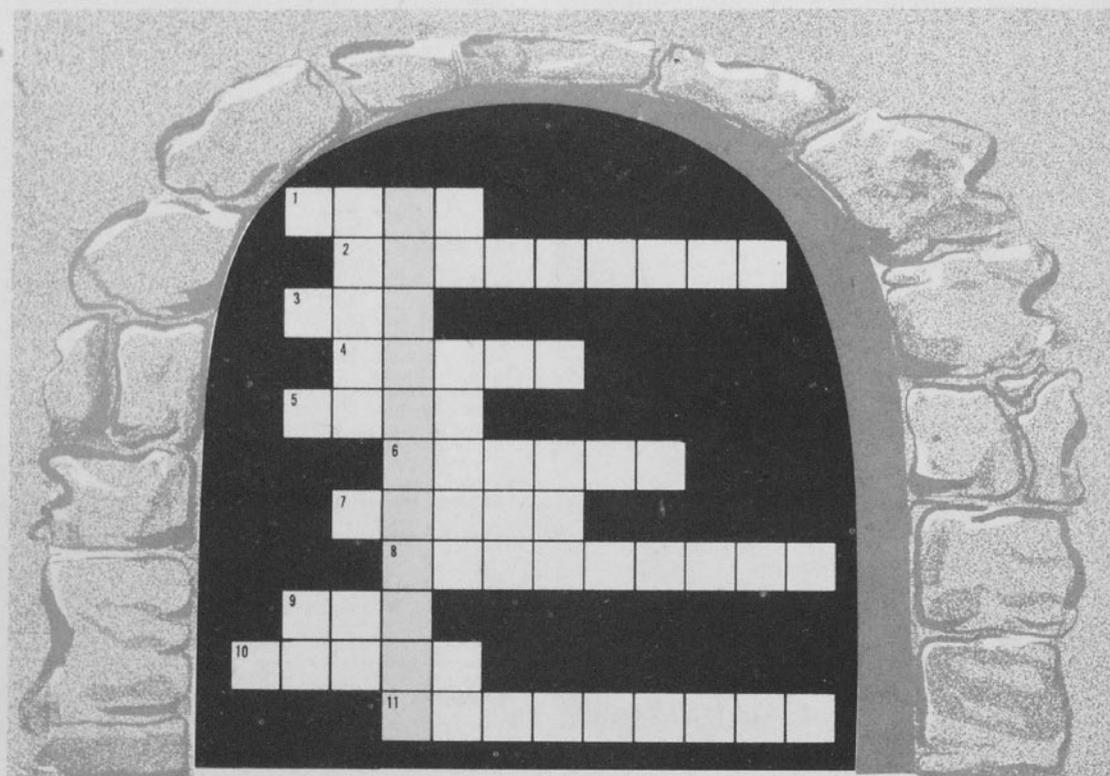
God was greatly disappointed with

that first home's failure, and many years passed before God called Abraham. See how God emphasized right family relationships in dealing with him. God stressed proper recognition of godly principles. Strong words these, "I know him (Abraham) that he will command his children and his household after him" (Genesis 18:19). The very fulfillment of God's promises depended on how faithfully Abraham dis-

ciplined and directed his children and servants.

Note carefully the early history of the Hebrews as God taught them principles of success as a nation. Through their wilderness journeyings, in possessing the land of Canaan, there was continued emphasis laid upon household unity in righteous living. The Passover story gives the two-fold aspect of this emphasis with the blood of the slain lamb upon the door for protection, and the family gathered within the house to partake of the roasted lamb for the sustenance needed in the difficult journey ahead. Some stress only the first, ignoring the second phase of this marvelous Passover observance.

Apply the blood to the doorposts and lintel of your home, acknowledging



your faith in the finished work of our great Redeemer for the need of your household. But never forget there is a subsequent responsibility of parents to gather their households together for definite partaking of the Lamb—the Word of our God, which liveth and abideth forever. Here has been the breakdown in many families, one great reason for the wayward children of supposedly godly parents.

Assurance came to the parents through the application of the blood by faith; but travelling strength was derived by partaking of the Pascal lamb. That Passover night the world was shut out and that family was shut in together, due importance being laid on the significance of that sacred meal. This rushing age would quickly and easily crowd God out of any home. But remember, God's moving in every child's life starts normally in the home; and it was the wise man who said, "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it" (Prov. 22:6). God has given here a marvelous type of spiritual completeness in our homes.

As went the Hebrew homes so would go the nation. Soundness in family life meant healthy grass roots for the kingdom to be established later. The book of Deuteronomy gives certain vital principles for solid Hebrew home—
(Continued on page thirty-one)

THE OPEN TOMB

(As recorded in Matthew 28)

Fill in the blanks on the door of the tomb where Jesus was buried from the clues below. All the words go across. Each blank has a number which corresponds with the number of the word on the puzzle. When you have finished you will find the key word in the gray spaces, which will tell you why Jesus was no longer in the tomb.

"As it began to dawn toward the first day of the week, came (1) _____ Magdalene and the other Mary to see the (2) _____ And, behold, there (3) _____ a great earth (4) _____: for the angel of the (5) _____ descended from heaven, and came and (6) _____ back the stone from the door, and sat upon it.

"And the angel answered and said unto the women, Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek (7) _____, which was (8) _____ He is (9) _____ here: for he is (10) _____, as he said.

"And go quickly, and tell his (11) _____ that he is risen from the dead."

(The key word is RESURRECTED.)



Our Family Altar

Monday, April 22

Read: Joshua 1

Learn: "Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest" (Joshua 1:9).

For the Parent: Joshua was God's choice for a successor to Moses after Moses died. Point out (1) how God encouraged Joshua; (2) the things Joshua must do to have God's blessing, vv. 7, 8. God will be with us and help us if we follow Him in all things.

Question Time: Whom did Joshua follow as leader of Israel? (v. 1) What promise did God give Joshua regarding Canaan? (v. 3) How could Joshua have God's blessing? (vv. 7, 8)

Tuesday, April 23

Read: Joshua 2

Learn: "The Lord hath delivered into our hands all the land" (Joshua 2:24).

For the Parent: Review the story of Rahab and the spies, pointing out how (1) the inhabitants of Jericho were afraid of Israel because of what God had done; (2) Rahab's action in hiding the spies was actually an act of faith; (3) because of her faith her life was spared.

Question Time: Why did Joshua send two men to Jericho? (v. 1) How did Rahab hide the spies? (v. 6) What did Rahab ask for the kindness she showed? (vv. 12-14) What was the sign of this agreement? (v. 18)

Wednesday, April 24

Read: Joshua 3

Learn: "The living God is among you" (Joshua 3:10).

For the Parent: Compare the crossing of the Red Sea by Israel (Exodus 14) with the crossing of the Jordan, pointing out similarities and differences. In both cases these miracles were demonstrations of God's power and His concern for His people. God is a living God, willing to do great things on our behalf.

Question Time: How did Joshua know what procedure to follow in crossing Jordan? (vv. 7, 8) Why were the children of Israel not to come too close to the ark? (v. 4) What would this miracle show Israel? (v. 10)

Thursday, April 25

Read: Acts 6:1-15

Learn: "And Stephen, full of faith and power, did great wonders and miracles among the people" (Acts 6:8).

For the Parent: (Additional material on "Stephen, the Lay Witness" will be found on Sunday's Lesson page.) Stress these qualities which Stephen possessed: filled with the Spirit, v. 5; faith, v. 8; power, v. 8; wisdom, v. 10; right spirit, v. 10. Show how Stephen was called upon to give his life for what he believed.

Question Time: What office did Stephen hold in the Early Church? (vv. 1-6) What accusation did the Jews bring against him? (vv. 10-14)

Friday, April 26

Read: John 21:15-19; 1 John 2:1, 2 (Sunday's Lesson for Juniors)

Learn: "There is forgiveness with thee" (Psa. 130:4).

For the Parent: Review the story of the resurrection of Christ. The basis of this lesson is one of Christ's appearance to His disciples after His resurrection. Review Peter's denial of Christ, and compare it with his re-affirmation of his love for Christ. We may fail Christ, but He is always ready to forgive us.

Question Time: How many times did Jesus ask Peter, "Lovest thou me?" (v. 17) Why do you think He did this?

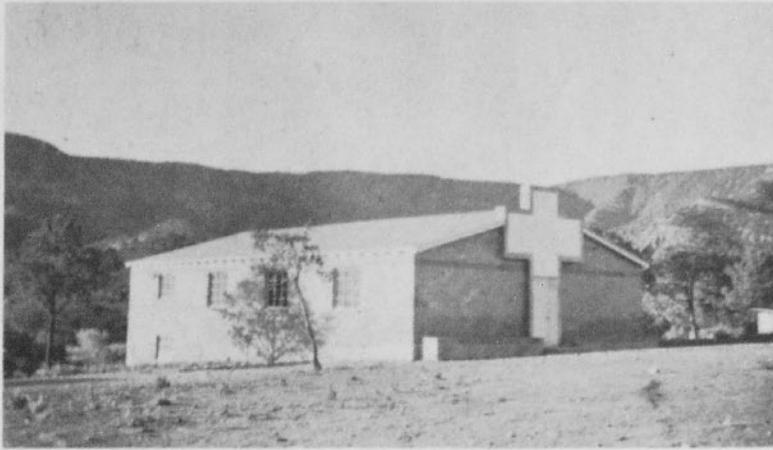
Saturday, April 27

Read: Exodus 15:22-26 (Sunday's Lesson for Primaries)

Learn: "I am the Lord that healeth thee" (Ex. 15:26).

For the Parent: Point out that (1) God performed a miracle in making the waters of Marah fit to drink; (2) God used this to emphasize to the Israelites that He was also able to heal their physical bodies; (3) God has not changed, and He is still able to heal our sicknesses and diseases and also to keep us healthy, v. 26.

Question Time: Why couldn't the people drink the waters of Marah? (v. 23) What did they do? (v. 24) What did Moses do? (v. 25) What lesson did God give Israel from this? (v. 26)



New Assembly on Mescalero Apache Reservation in New Mexico. Assembly of God at Whiteriver on the Fort Apache Reservation.

Assemblies of God in Apache Land

BY ELVA JOHNSON

THE FIRST ASSEMBLIES OF GOD work among the Indians of Arizona was begun on an Apache Reservation more than twenty years ago. Since that time, many Indians of the Southwest have heard the good news of the full gospel. God has been gracious, creating a hunger in the hearts of many Indian people and satisfying it with the Pentecostal message of salvation and the infilling of the Spirit.

The name "Apache" is probably a derivation from the Zuni word, "Apa-chu," meaning, "Enemy."

There are four Apache Reservations—two in Arizona and two in New Mexico. The Assemblies of God has churches on three of these reservations. We do not have any work on the *Jicarilla* (Hick-a-ree-ya) Reservation in northern New Mexico.

MESCALERO APACHE RESERVATION

The Mescalero Apache Reservation is located in southern New Mexico, and has a population of about 1,000.

A few years ago, the Lord laid the need of this tribe upon the hearts of Mr. and Mrs. F. William Olson, who had worked among the Apaches before. They obeyed the call of God and went to this reservation. God gave them souls for their labor and they obtained a land grant at Mescalero, the location of the tribal agency.

Today, through their efforts and with

the help of Apache Christians, a lovely Assemblies of God Church stands as a lighthouse on a hill near the highway which winds through the reservation.

FORT APACHE RESERVATION

This reservation in east central Arizona has its headquarters at Whiteriver. Here the tribal agency carries on its business, and here are a school and a hospital for the benefit of the Indian people. This is a strategic location, and the Assemblies of God has had a church in Whiteriver since 1945. The present missionaries are Mr. and Mrs. Elwin Johns. God is blessing their work and they request prayer that the many unsaved who are attending their services will accept Christ as Saviour. They have a bus which reaches out into the East Fork and Seven Mile areas near Whiteriver.

For some time the Whiteriver church was the only Assembly on the Fort Apache Reservation, which has a population of 4,300. The Whiteriver church made an effort to reach hungry hearts in other districts, including Canyon Day and Cedar Creek. Some were saved in both of these areas, and in 1954 missionaries went to Cedar Creek to start a church there. This church began in a wick-i-up, which is a circular house built of poles covered with branches or bear grass. Now they have a very attractive church with living quarters for the missionaries. Many Cedar Creek Apaches have been transformed by the grace of God and are rejoicing in Christ as a result of this

work. Pearl Foster and Pearl Phillip are the present missionaries.

At Canyon Day, a village a few miles from Whiteriver, the Assemblies of God church was started in a brush arbor in 1955. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Oakes have done a good work here, and they have the new church building almost completed now.

The Apache Christians at Canyon Day are thankful for the full gospel, and work with the missionaries both on the building and in their efforts to reach the lost with the gospel.

The Oakes recently became the happy parents of a baby girl.

Cibecue is a mountain district on the reservation, fourteen miles from the main highway. Mr. and Mrs. Bert Parker began this work in 1954. They have built an attractive church with



An Apache woman carrying water from the hydrant at the home of the Whiteriver missionaries. Her home is some distance away.

living quarters, and God has honored their ministry with numbers of Indians saved and filled with the Spirit. They reported a great outpouring of the Spirit early this year.

SAN CARLOS RESERVATION

There are over 4,500 Apache Indians living on the San Carlos Reservation, which is south of the Fort Apache Reservation in Arizona. It covers an area of over one and one-half million acres.

Many of the people, like those on the Fort Apache Reservation, are in the cattle-raising business. This accounts for the fact that most of the men dress cowboy fashion. However, the older women have retained their traditional colorful camp dresses with long full skirts and blouses. The younger girls dress much as teen-agers anywhere. The Apaches, who formerly lived in



A group of San Carlos Apaches who attended the Apache Camp Meeting last summer.

crude wick-i-ups, are gradually changing over to a more permanent type of dwelling. It is estimated that about half of them live in frame houses now. However, because of the extreme heat, brush arbors are often used for summer living even where the people have frame houses. Some still live in wick-i-ups the year round.

The oldest Assemblies of God work among the Apaches is the church at San Carlos. It was begun over twenty years ago. The Indian agency is also located at San Carlos. Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Treece are our missionaries there at present.

The church at Bylas, which was started in 1951, is in a strategic location as well, since one of the two tribal stores is located there. Mr. and Mrs.



Part of the Sunday morning congregation at San Carlos, the oldest Indian Assembly in Arizona.

Roy Nelson are the missionaries at Bylas.

Each of these works is reaching many Apaches with the gospel message.

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Our work among the Apaches has brought many souls to Christ during the past few years. It has not been without opposition or problems, but God has been faithful to give victory in each time of trial.

In June of this year, there will be a great Assemblies of God Apache Camp Meeting, which all the Apaches can attend. Plans are being made now and this camp will undoubtedly be a great time of Christian fellowship and also of outreach for lost souls. Victor Trimmer, National Home Missions Secretary, will be the camp evangelist. We invite our EVANGEL readers to join in prayer that God will save many precious souls at the camp this summer.

Your offering for evangelizing the American Indians should be designated for "Indian Work" and sent to:

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Sunday's Lesson

"RIGHTLY DIVIDING THE WORD OF TRUTH"



STEPHEN, THE LAY WITNESS

Sunday School Lesson for April 28, 1957

ACTS 6:1-15

The story of Stephen is one of the most beautiful and stirring of all Biblical biographies. Says one writer, "Here is a lamp that burned clear—a nature so completely given up to God, a soul so enraptured with Jesus, a personality so devoted to the divine will, that no self-interest or stain or tarnish of sin remained to dim the luster of the heavenly light shining through. If we would be triumphant Christians, irresistible in the wisdom and spirit with which we carry on our battles for the Master, there can be no better subject for our study."

STEPHEN CHOSEN (Acts 6:1-6)

The Church's difficulty. Under the blessing of God the Early Church was growing by leaps and bounds. It had undertaken the support of the poor, especially its widows. Due to the fact that there was no organization of work, the Greek-speaking widows were being neglected in favor of the Hebrew-speaking women. This caused complaint which reached the disciples.

The disciples' decision. Quickly the twelve saw the difficulty. They needed help. They could not attend to all the affairs of the church themselves. "It is not reason that we should leave the word of God, and serve tables." This was not because serving tables was unimportant or unspiritual—for all service done for God's glory is spiritual and will receive reward—but because the disciples had been called, above all else, to devote themselves to prayer and to studying and ministering the Word. How wise they were! Many a minister has lost his anointing and become unable to properly feed his flock because he has allowed himself to become taken up with other things to the neglect of his prayer life and study of the Word!

"Look ye out among you seven men." Seven deacons were chosen to take care of the maintenance of the widows, and Stephen was one of them.

STEPHEN'S CHARACTER AND WORK (Acts 6:7-11)

Stephen *lived* for Christ before he *died* for Christ. The former may be more difficult than the latter! (1) Stephen was "of honest report" (Acts 6:3); that is, he had a good name, which is better than riches (Proverbs 22:1). (2) He was a "full" man—full of grace (literal meaning of "faith" in Acts 6:5), full of the Holy Ghost, full of faith, and full of power (6:8). A life of such fullness is a truly Pentecostal life, for Pentecostal life is abundant, overflowing fullness. How do we measure up?

Pentecostal living brings Pentecostal results. Purity of character brings power in service. Stephen was faithful in serving tables, and God enlarged his ministry so that he "did great wonders and miracles among the people," and boldly proclaimed the gospel. His testimony aroused the opposition of members of the synagogue, who attempted to

argue with him. But the man with an experience is never at the mercy of the man who has only an argument. God, by the Holy Spirit, gave Stephen supernatural wisdom and power so that he silenced his enemies.

"And they were not able to resist the wisdom and the spirit by which he spake. Then they suborned men, which said, We have heard him speak blasphemous words against Moses, and against God. . . ."

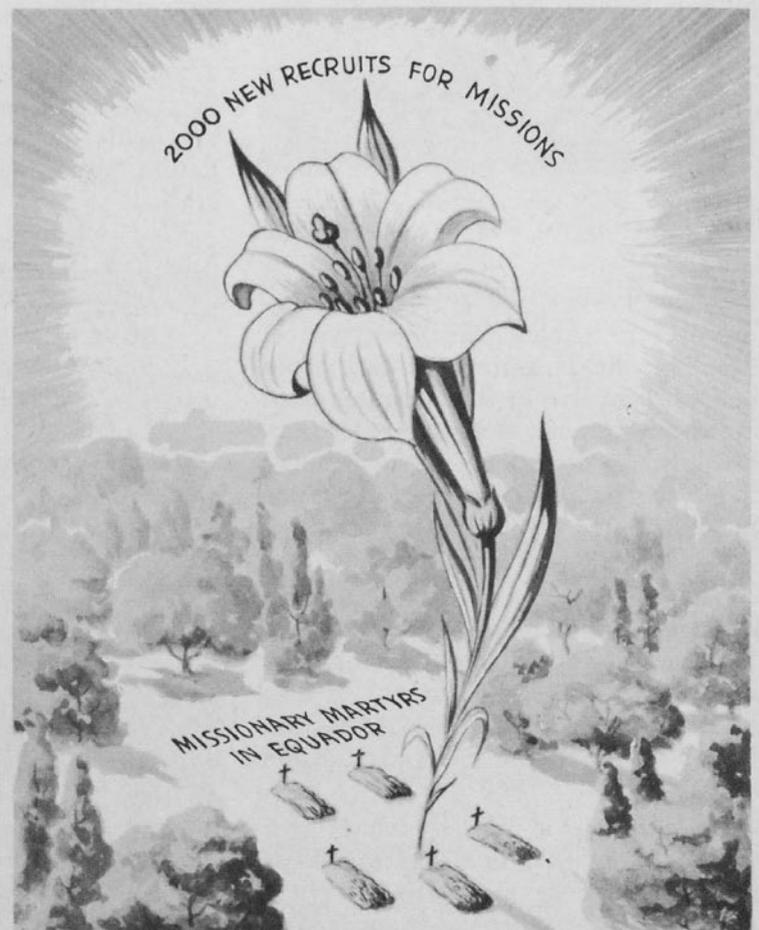
STEPHEN ON TRIAL (Acts 6:12-15)

Stephen's enemies, unable to refute Stephen's words, sought revenge by bringing him before the Sanhedrin, and there by bribed witnesses they swore away his life. Stephen must have known that there could be but one end to the storm of wickedness and wrath which surrounded him. But the storm could not penetrate his heart and mind! Because he was filled with the Holy Spirit, Stephen's face reflected the peace and glory which filled his soul. It is lovely to be full of the Spirit in the midst of a revival meeting, but quite another matter to be full of the Spirit when faced with peril. Yet such is God's provision for every believer. Why should we then live below such glorious privileges!

"And all that sat in the council . . . saw his face as it had been the face of an angel." What a testimony! Stephen was a man with a shining face. We, too, may experience this glory and victory, but if we would have such glory in our faces we must first have it in our hearts! Only a heart and nature prepared for God and given up to Him can result in a shining face. We cannot have Stephen's glory and power without Stephen's consecration. But, thank God, we may have both!

—J. Bashford Bishop

THEY DID NOT DIE IN VAIN



"Keep Thyself Pure"

BY WILSON A. KATTER

Minnesota District Secretary

THE PACE OF PRESENT-DAY LIVING demands so much of our time that unless we take care we will be lost in the whirlpool of modern affairs.

I recall a young Bible student who showed every promise of having a real ministry for God. On a Saturday night he attended a wedding ceremony and sat a few rows ahead of me on my right. The following day, Sunday, he went to take charge of one of our churches located in a small town along the Minnesota River. That very week he accepted an invitation of another young man to swim with him in the river adjoining the farm where the unsaved friend was living.

Together they plunged into the water. Suddenly the Bible student found himself dragged into a whirlpool by the swiftly moving current. He struggled hopelessly in the stream, and was sucked under the water. His companion was unable to rescue him, and he drowned.

Many who attend our churches today are in danger of being pulled away from a life of victory in God because of the strong currents of custom, business, overactivity in natural things, and neglect of prayer and the family altar. Unless they come to themselves and to God, they will certainly be caught in the whirlpools of this world and be swept into destruction.

In First Timothy 5:22 we find a beautiful motto which should be engraved upon the tables of our heart, as well as placed in letters of gold upon the walls of our living rooms, "Neither be partaker of other men's sins: keep thyself pure."

Custom or public opinion is a powerful thing. A wife may be lost because she is waiting for her husband to go to the altar with her; a husband may be lost because he is waiting for his wife to yield to God before he starts serving the Lord. "The fear of man bringeth a snare." Some will miss heaven because they are afraid to face public opinion or to cross the thinking of their unsaved friends.

A backslidden individual can put the

faithful child of God to a real test. Saul of the Old Testament, because of his jealousy and hatred for David, certainly made things unpleasant for David. After the King had pursued David many months, God finally caused a deep sleep to come over Saul and his army, and allowed David and Abishai to come right into their presence. They found King Saul and all his men sleeping on the ground. "Then said Abishai to David, God hath delivered thine enemy into thine hand this day: now therefore let me smite him, I pray thee, with the spear even to the earth at once, and I will not smite him the second time. And David said to Abishai, Destroy him not: for who can stretch forth his hand against the Lord's anointed, and be guiltless?" (1 Samuel 26:8, 9).

No, we wouldn't think of smiting our brother with a sword, but do we slay him with our tongue, and criticize, and find fault, and destroy? "Be [not] partaker of other men's sins: keep thyself pure." Truly the apostle Paul had the correct answer, "If thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink" (Romans 12:20).

How about social life? Even a birthday party can be sinful if it is not flavored by the Spirit of God! "Herod on his birthday made a supper to his lords, high captains, and chief estates of Galilee; and when the daughter of the said Herodias came in, and danced, and pleased Herod and them that sat with him, the king said unto the damsel, "Ask of me whatsoever thou wilt, and I will give it thee" (Mark 6:21, 22).

John the Baptist had told Herod, "It is not lawful for thee to have thy brother's wife" (verse 18). You will recall that the girl consulted with her mother and then requested the head of John in a charger. John was brought from prison and beheaded. But the end of the story is not yet written, for Herodias, Herod, and the daughter will all face God at the judgment!

How about parties, social gatherings? Is Jesus invited? Would He come?



Behind us lie the cross and grave,
Before, eternal bliss;
There blossoms from the garden cave
The Tree of Righteousness;
The face that shame and spitting bore
Is crowned with radiance evermore.

Thou livest far from earthly strife
In God's eternal peace—
And there with Thee is hid my life,
And there my wanderings cease;
The secret place where still and blest
I rest in Thine eternal rest.

—Gerhart Ter Steegen

Would He grace the event with His presence? "Neither be partaker of other men's sins: keep thyself pure."

The ocean liners plow through the great seas, carrying passengers and cargo; and in the process little creatures called barnacles fasten themselves to the sides of the ship. If allowed to accumulate they will hinder the progress of the ship considerably. There are two ways of removing the barnacles: (1) The ship can be placed in dry dock and the creatures removed slowly by hammer and chisel, but this process is slow and costly. (2) The ship may be moved into fresh water lakes, where the barnacles will fall off of their own accord.

There are many spiritual "barnacles" which hinder Christian progress. Let us move again into the fresh waters of the Word and find release by faith from things that hinder our forward movement with God. "Neither be partaker of other men's sins: keep thyself pure." ◀ ◀



Wonder of Wonders

BY EDWIN RAYMOND ANDERSON

THE ENTIRE STRUCTURE OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH IS BUILT
UPON AN EMPTY TOMB OWNED BY JOSEPH OF ARIMATHEA.

MAY I REFRESH YOUR MEMORY CONCERNING the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World.

First, there were the Pyramids of Egypt, the greatest of which covers thirteen acres with an original height of 481 feet. Over two million stone blocks went into it, each block about forty cubic feet in size and $2\frac{1}{2}$ tons in weight.

Then there were the Hanging Gardens of Babylon, erected by order of King Nebuchadnezzar to the honor of his wife. These consisted of five gardens set in the form of a square, and rising to the height of about seventy-five feet.

Third, there was the Statue of Jupiter, by Phideas—a huge figure of gold and ivory, erected at Olympia.

The Temple of Diana at Ephesus was another wonder. It was built about 400 B.C. of exquisite Persian marble. The location of this temple was discovered by archaeologists in 1869.

The fifth wonder was the Mausoleum of Halicarnasses, built by Queen Artemesia in 353 B.C. as a magnificent burial place in memory of her husband Mausolus. Valuable bits of architecture and sculpture were located at the site by a British expedition in the 1800's.

The Colossus of Rhodes is another object of wonder—an immense bronze statue representing Helios, the sun god. It is said to have stood in the Rhodes harbor entrance in such a manner that ships had to pass between the legs while entering. It was destroyed by an earthquake.

The seventh wonder was the Pharos—a lighthouse built by Ptolemy II (309-246 B.C.) on an island in the Bay of Alexandria, nearly 400 feet high, and resting upon a 100-square-foot base. An earthquake in the A.D. 1300's destroyed it.

Seven wonders, with what magnitude of accomplishment! We marvel that the

ancients without modern equipment could have built such works. And yet, in a very solemn sense, there was not very much real value in any of them. They did not satisfy the hunger and longing of the hearts of men: they merely pointed to the prowess of human effort. Today they are almost forgotten, events of the past with no significance or value for the age in which we live.

But there is another Wonder of that ancient world which is far greater, far more important than all those seven put together. That Wonder belongs to all time, and still cries out with a clear voice of hope for all men, whatever be their station in life. It is the Wonder of the Empty Tomb.

That Empty Tomb is the lone hope of humanity. It gives us cause for eternal wonder, to think how God raised Jesus from the dead. Undoubtedly it is the greatest miracle of all time. The whole Christian religion rests upon that miracle. And yet, some people think so

lightly of it. They may be respectful enough to nod in its direction at Easter, but the Empty Tomb seems to them to have no meaning. Surely the Bible is right when it says that "The god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them." No blindness can be worse than that which allows one to turn away unmoved by the message of the Empty Tomb. The Resurrection is the guarantee of our salvation from sin. It is the basis of our hope of eternal life. Jesus said, "Because I live, ye shall live also." Today He extends His arms to you and says, "Come unto Me...and I will give you rest." "Come," He says, "for all things are now ready." The price of salvation has been paid at Calvary. The proof of salvation has been shown by the Empty Tomb. Whether or not you will be saved depends entirely on your own personal acceptance or rejection of Christ as your personal Saviour.

The Lord Jesus Christ is the Wonder of the Ages. As the Bible says, "His name shall be called WONDERFUL." And what a wonderful salvation He offers through His grace, mercy, and limitless love. May this very moment be for you the blessed beginning of an "everlasting Easter." ◀ ◀

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AN EASTER PRAYER

Come, Thou Sun of Righteousness,
With heavenly healing in Thy beams,
Shine on the cold and careless heart
And wake them from their selfish dreams.

And tell the hard and hopeless ones
Who come despairing to Thy feet
That all their marred and broken lives
Thou wilt restore again, complete.

Breathe life into the listless souls
Who think they live—yet know not God;
Till beauty dawn on barren lives
As breaks the blossom from the sod;

Till burdened hearts and sorrowing hearts
And hearts that ache beneath their pride
Shall see Thy light and feel Thy warmth
And hail their radiant Eastertide.

—Annie Johnson Flint

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The Resurrection and the Rapture

BY F. B. MEYER

WHEN CHRIST RETURNS FOR HIS own people there will be a secret Rapture. One moment we shall be here: the next we shall be gone. I do not find any difficulty in that.

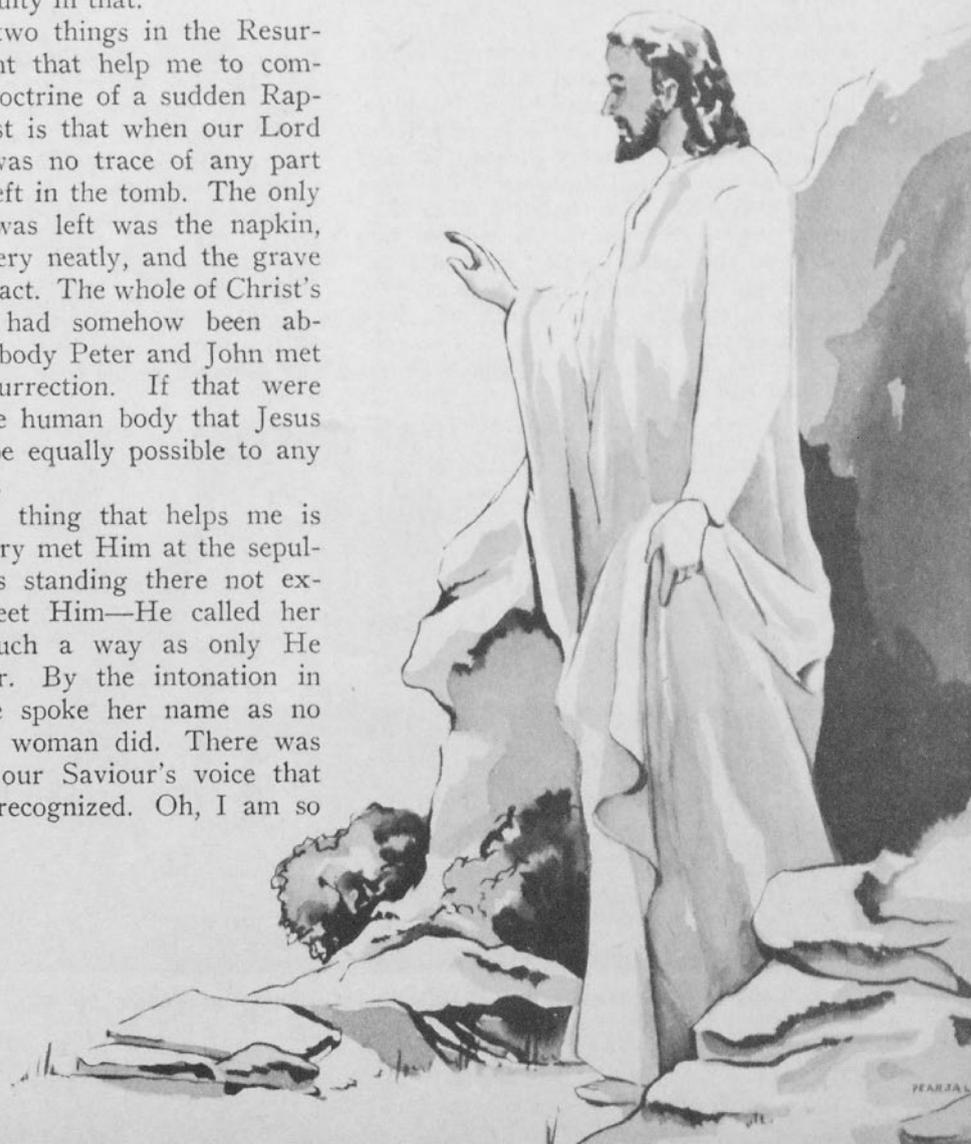
There are two things in the Resurrection account that help me to comprehend the doctrine of a sudden Rapture. The first is that when our Lord arose, there was no trace of any part of His body left in the tomb. The only thing which was left was the napkin, folded back very neatly, and the grave clothes still intact. The whole of Christ's human body had somehow been absorbed in the body Peter and John met after the resurrection. If that were possible to the human body that Jesus bore, it will be equally possible to any body we have.

The second thing that helps me is that when Mary met Him at the sepulchre—she was standing there not expecting to meet Him—He called her "Mary" in such a way as only He could call her. By the intonation in His voice He spoke her name as no other man or woman did. There was an accent in our Saviour's voice that she instantly recognized. Oh, I am so

glad of that. I shall hear the voice of my mother, my father, and other people I have loved, and the voice tells so much.

If a block of ice may be changed first into water, then into steam, and then into vapor, until that great block entirely disappears, why should it be more difficult for this flesh to become etherealized and be the perfect vehicle of the mind, the soul and the heart. The unseen forces of nature have become so apparent—almost touching the ether, as we use the telephone and other modern developments—and so helpful that I cease to wonder that Jesus Christ can do for us what He did for Enoch when he was changed, and for Elijah when he stood gazing and was changed, and what happened to our Lord Himself when He arose. I say, difficult and unusual as it may appear to us, it is certainly on those three counts not impossible to believe.

When our Lord comes—I suppose that event is quite near, and yet away from mortal sight—we shall meet Him, be suddenly changed. And those who sleep in Jesus will meet Him. What a meeting that will be! We shall know one another and we shall know Him, and we shall be one body, one Church.





Fagots From the Torch of Evangelism

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► **WHITACRE, VA.**—The Assembly of God in Timber Ridge has recently concluded two weeks of revival with Evangelist Joseph L. Smith from Hancock, Maryland. Souls were saved and believers were baptized in the Holy Spirit.

—Linwood Wilkinson, Pastor

► **JENNINGS, LA.**—Evangelist Charles Reed of Monroe, La., just closed a most successful revival here. Four were saved, six were filled with the Holy Spirit, and two backsliders were reclaimed. The church had a wonderful upsurge.

—William R. Blair, Pastor

► **BLUE ROCK, OHIO**—The Stone Station Assembly of God recently concluded three weeks of meetings with Evangelist Charles Imler of Spencerville, Ind. Several were reclaimed, others saved, and one was filled with the Holy Spirit. The sound, straightforward preaching of Brother Imler was effective in stirring the congregation to holier living and witnessing.

—James M. Bryan, Pastor

► **MADISON, ILL.**—The North Venice Assembly of God has enjoyed a very profitable revival with Evangelists Tommy Barnett and Don Brassfield. Thirty persons, predominately youth, gave their hearts to the Lord. Many were filled with the Holy Spirit, and several testified to healings. The meeting made a very substantial contribution to the Assembly. Entire families were won to God and the church. Although these evangelists are only in their late teens, they have remarkable wisdom and ability in the Lord's work. Both are excellent musicians, and Tommy is a very capable preacher. The church will long remember their ministry.

—J. R. Randolph, Pastor

► **VENTURA, CALIF.**—Thirty seven souls accepted the Lord as Saviour, and several received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, during the recent meetings conducted by Evangelist Watson Argue. In results and attendance it was the best campaign in several years.

—Richard R. Carmichael, Pastor

► **MILTON, PA.**—The church here greatly enjoyed 10 days of meetings with Evangelist and Mrs. Paul Graban. The power of the Lord was present to heal both spiritually and physically. A number were reclaimed for the Lord as the evangelist ministered under a rich anointing each night. The singing of Sister Graban was a blessing to all.

—Oscar C. Bird, Pastor

► **EXCEL, ALA.**—The presence of the Lord was felt in a distinct way here during the recent revival with Evangelist James Guthrie. One young lady was saved, and the Sunday School reached an all-time high of 122. The anointed preaching and special singing of Brother Guthrie was a blessing to all.

—Jack Fowler, Pastor

► **ALTON, N. Y.**—The people of the Gospel Tabernacle will not soon forget the three weeks of glorious revival with Evangelist L. C. Robie of Union Springs, N.Y. God sent a visitation from heaven through this veteran evangelist of 37 years' experience. There were thrilling testimonies of 40 who sought God and returned to praise Him night after night. The congregation was deeply moved as they saw many miracles take place before their eyes. God opened blind eyes and deaf ears, removed tumors, and delivered people from arthritis, lameness,

bursitis, and other afflictions. The messages on the Holy Spirit made many hungry. The song that has stirred so many thousands, "It Is No Secret," took on new meaning during the campaign. The large tabernacle was often filled. At times C.A.'s from the section came to the meetings. The last Sunday morning over 20 young people knelt at the altar to volunteer for a life of Christian service. The church will never be the same because of this mighty visitation from God.

—Stanton W. Virts, Pastor

► **MONTGOMERY, ALA.**—The Central Assembly of God (formerly the Second Assembly of God) has experienced one of the greatest spiritual moves of its history under the leadership of its new pastor, Vaudie V. Lambert. Many have been saved, and 21 new members have been added to the church. The Sunday School attendance has grown from less than 50 to over 100 within 5 months, with a record attendance of 136. During this time there was also a two-week revival with Evangelist and Mrs. Harold Tyus of Graceville, Fla., which proved to be a source of great spiritual strength to the church. Fred Hadley of Port St. Joe, Fla., recently conducted a Sunday School Workers Training Course and some 20 certificates were awarded. Very shortly a new church building will be constructed.

—Mrs. Bonnie Lowe, S. S. Sec'y-Treas.

► **MARSHALLTOWN, IOWA**—During the three-week Deeper Life Revival conducted at the First Assembly of God by Evangelist Lela Haycock, 11 persons received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit.

More recently, Evangelist and Mrs. Garfield J. Unruh, first pastor of this church and former superintendent of the Wisconsin-N. Michigan District, taught us concerning the Tabernacle in the Wilderness and Solomon's Temple.

In January, District Superintendent T. E. Gannon taught a Worker's Training Course using "The Spirit Himself" as the textbook.

In November the church celebrated its 25th anniversary. Brother Gannon, District Secretary Charles E. Long, and Pastor A. M. Alber ministered.

—M. E. Parlotz, Pastor

► **N. TONAWANDA, N. Y.**—The new Evangelistic Center here recently enjoyed two evangelistic meetings with Evangelist Billy Wolfe of Davenport, Iowa. The first meeting was held last June and continued for four weeks. Souls were saved, believers filled with the Holy Ghost, and sick bodies healed. Brother Wolfe raised \$2,500.00 for the building fund at that time. The recent revival continued for eight and a half weeks, and a great number confessed Christ as Saviour. A number were baptized with the Holy Spirit, and many testified that they were healed of various physical ail-



New Evangelistic Center in North Tonawanda, N. Y.

ments. An all-time high for monthly average in the Sunday School was reached during January. Last November the congregation purchased a theater building in a prominent location in the city. It seats 700.

—Homer C. Cooper, Pastor

► LINDSAY, CALIF.—Five were saved and several reclaimed during the recent three-week meeting with the Tanner Team of Willmar, Minn. From the very outset of the meeting a spirit of revival prevailed. Quite a few testified to definite healings from the Lord. More than 200 visitors came to the services. The Sunday School experienced a real boost in attendance.

—H. R. Grams, Pastor

► HUDSON, OHIO—The Assembly of God here is rejoicing in the results of a 10-day revival with Evangelists Arnold and Anita Segesman of Berlin Center, Ohio. There was a good attendance with many visitors present for the first time. The chalk drawings and special music were a real blessing to all. Several were saved, and many renewed their consecration to God.

—Rebenia Giordanengo, Pastor

► MIAMI, OKLA.—The First Assembly of God here enjoyed two weeks of meetings recently with the Southland Evangelistic Party of Oklahoma City, Okla. The message in sermon and song was a blessing to all who heard them, and 25 souls were saved or reclaimed. From January 28 through February 28 this church and some of those in the surrounding area joined together for a Workers Training Course using the book, "The Spirit Himself." There was an average attendance of 101, and 88 certificates were issued.

—L. J. Choate, Pastor

► ENTERPRISE, ALA.—The First Assembly of God is still feeling the refreshing challenge of a revival recently conducted by Evangelist Philip Jackson of Staffordshire, England. From the very first night the atmosphere was charged with the power of God. Night after night the people flocked to God's house to listen to the anointed preaching. It was an inspiring sight to see so many at the altar seeking salvation each night. A number of backsliders were also reclaimed. People from various churches joined in the meeting. Many testified to deliverance from physical infirmities.

—Howard P. Trawick, Pastor

► LORAIN, OHIO—Evangelist Clifton Erickson and party recently conducted one of the greatest revivals in the history of the First Assembly here. Record-breaking crowds attended the 10-day meeting. Extra chairs had to be used each night. Hundreds of visitors from many denominations in the city attended the meeting. Approximately 100 souls came forward for salvation, many were healed, and several received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. The last night of the campaign \$2,000.00 was raised in cash and pledges for the local church building fund. The week following the revival two received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit and 35 were baptized in water.

—K. A. Smith, Pastor

► BAKERSFIELD, CALIF.—Full Gospel Tabernacle recently enjoyed two weeks of meetings with Evangelist Christian Hild of Minneapolis, Minn. There was a good attendance throughout the campaign, climaxing on the final Sunday with an overflow crowd. The response to the gospel invitation brought the greatest joy of all as more than 30 responded the first Sunday night, and some 40 or more came forward on the last Sunday night of the revival.

—Wesley P. Steelberg, Pastor

► BIG SPRING, TEX.—Thirty-eight were at the altar for salvation and five received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit in a recent revival here with Evangelist Carl Alcorn of Ft. Worth, Tex. Many also testified to being healed by the power of God. The attendance was good, and a number came for the first time. The special singing of the Alcorn family proved to be a real blessing.

—Calvin O. Wiley, Pastor

► MARTINSBURG, W. VA.—Bethel Pentecostal Tabernacle received great spiritual benefits during the last two revivals with Evangelist and Mrs. Alvin D. Kyle of Luke, Maryland, and Evangelist David E. Garns of Savage, Md. A number were saved, including two elderly men, and others were healed and encouraged in the Lord. The entire church was uplifted.

—H. M. Strickland, Pastor

► COLUMBUS, GA.—Evangelist and Mrs. John Casoria recently conducted a two-week revival in the Benning Park Assembly which proved a blessing to every department of the church. Each night the crowds were unusually large. Seventeen persons knelt at the altar to accept Jesus Christ as Saviour, and one was filled with the Holy Spirit. A Sunday School record of fifteen years' standing was broken as the attendance climbed from 122 to 211. The benefit of both numerical and spiritual blessings is evident in the church.

—Delma Whitehead, Pastor

EVANGELISTIC CAMPAIGN CALENDAR

STATE	CITY	ASSEMBLY	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR
Ala.	Birmingham	Sayreton	April 28-May 12	Forrest Whaley	Robert Gowins
	Demopolis	First	April 21-May 5	Harold Tyus	Cecil Wiggins
	Prichard	A of G	April 28—	D. C. Ogden	J. D. Stevens
Ark.	Forrest City	A of G	April 22-May 5	Bob Swaim	B. E. Fields
	Hope	Gospel Tab.	April 24-May 5	Christian Hild	W. C. Land
Calif.	Atascadero	A of G	April 23—	Musical Mathans	H. P. Wilde, Jr.
	Gustine	A of G	April 21—	Ferdie Jay	J. W. Erxleben, Sr.
	Kingsburg	A of G	April 23-May 12	John C. Poteet	A. B. Goossen
	La Mesa	Gospel Tab.	April 24-May 5	Dan Kricorian & wife	C. Asher
	Loyalton	First	April 28-May 12	Dewey Heath	Bradford Wilmoth
	Oakland	Bethel	April 21-May 5	Oran & Audrey Duncan	Fulton Buntain
	Puente	A of G	April 21—	O. R. Ball	Hobart Chambers
	Santa Ana	First	April 23-May 5	L. B. "Bill" Lewis	Roy Sapp
	Stockton	Calvary Tab.	April 24-May 13	Sunshine Party	L. H. Rogers
	Torrance	First	April 23-May 5	Carl W. Oney & wife	Wm. T. Holcomb
Wasco	First	April 16—	Musical Fischers	Houston Baker	
Colo.	Loveland	First	April 24—	Don Rippy & wife	E. C. Grauberger
Ill.	Kankakee	First	April 24-May 5	Paul Wetzel	H. H. Brehm
	Rockford	West Side	April 23-May 5	A. F. DiMusto Party	Oda Jones
Ind.	Harrodsburg	A of G	April 26-May 5	Al Reid Party	Reg Yake
Iowa	Davenport	El Bethel	April 14—	Lela B. Haycook	Ralph McCaulley
Kans.	Coffeyville	First	April 7-24	Wright-Myers	P. E. Lowenberg
	Lawrence	A of G	April 21-May 5	Bird Campbell & wife	J. J. Krimmer
La.	Bossier City	A of G	April 7-21	S. Vandermerwe & wife	Lee Duhon
	Ruston	First	April 21—	N. B. Rayburn & wife	Roy L. Baker
Miss.	Biloxi	Central	April 21-May 5	H. Syvelle Phillips	Douglas Carroll
Mo.	Houston	A of G	April 23-May 5	Warren D. Combs	Joe Combs
	St. Louis	Friendly	April 14-28	Jan Smook & wife	L. C. Ramsey
Mont.	Butte	A of G	April 22-May 5	Ruth Specter	J. O. McGahey
Nebr.	Omaha	Glad Tid.	April 23-May 5	Watson Argue	L. E. King
N.Y.	Rochester	Glad Tid.	April 28-May 12	C. S. Tubby	David Carlson
	Rome	First	April 14-21	Byron Jones	Ernest W. Darling
	Salisbury Ctr.	A of G	April 28-May 5	Byron Jones	Joseph Falcone
	Minot	A of G	April 21-May 5	Oliver Johnson & wife	Harland Kingsriter
Ohio	Youngstown	West Side	April 23-May 5	W. O. Cox	D. M. Cox
Pa.	Ellwood City	A of G	April 23-May 5	John Briner Party	A. R. Hartwick
	Luzerne	A of G	April 23-May 5	Willis I. Murray	Alfred Coletti
S. Dak.	Wagner	A of G	April 28—	Bonetta C. Rabe	Harry E. Heidt
Tex.	Cleveland	A of G	April 22—	W. A. Covington	Harlen Pate
	Dallas	Maplewood	April 26—	Karl Davis	Ray Soper
	El Paso	Valley	April 28-May 12	Johnny Hoskins	Wesley J. Lange
Wis.	LaCrosse	A of G	April 23—	W. D. Lascelle	D. H. Heuser
	Milwaukee	Gospel Tab.	April 24—	E. T. Quanabush	Harvey Flaherty
Wyo.	Newcastle	A of G	April 28-May 12	Paul Sandgren & wife	Howard Cummings
Canada	Stratford, Ont.	Bethel Pent.	April 7-21	Dee N. Huff	H. G. Peddle

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.

► **MARTINEZ, CALIF.**—The anointed ministry of Evangelist Troy B. Helms proved a great blessing to the Assembly of God here. There were about 18 souls saved and 10 filled with the Holy Spirit. Thirteen were baptized in water, and as many taken into church membership. The first night of the meeting a man past forty years of age was saved and delivered from drink and other habits. He and his wife were received into the church and continue to attend the services.

—*L. L. Ferguson, Pastor*

► **CLEVELAND, TEX.**—Twenty-one were saved and 15 were filled with the Holy Spirit in a recent meeting at the First Assembly of God with Evangelists Bessie Greer and Ruby Anderson. Among those filled with the Holy Spirit was a middle-aged woman who had been in the church for years, and a younger woman who had been in the church all her life. On the closing night a young Baptist woman was both saved and filled, and she was speaking in tongues at the midnight hour when her husband came to the church to get her. He also came to the altar and was gloriously saved.

—*Harlen J. Pate, Pastor*



THEY CAME EVERY NIGHT—The R. E. Bussey family had perfect attendance during a three-week Crusade for Christ recently conducted by Evangelist Paul Hild in Wood River, Illinois, in which twelve were converted. Two smaller families also had perfect attendance, as did many individuals. With Mr. and Mrs. Bussey are their four children (left to right): Bobby, David, Marylin, and Jimmy.

—*Photo by the Wood River Journal*

► **NEW CASTLE, PA.**—Evangelist and Mrs. Richard Owens of Wilmington, Del. recently held an evangelistic campaign in the Gardner Assembly of God which attracted the largest crowds in the history of the church. The meeting was scheduled for 10 nights, but because of the outstanding response we continued for another week. We counted 20 who came forward to accept Christ. However, on the last Sunday night many more stood to testify publicly that they had made personal decisions during the crusade. Special music, including the organ brought by the party as a part of their equipment, was played by Mrs. Owens and contributed greatly to the spiritual atmosphere of the services. The church was filled to capacity on several occasions, partially by those who had never before attended. The congregation has now unanimously agreed to erect a new building

in the near future. The evangelist raised approximately \$500 toward that purpose. The church as a whole has undergone a miraculous transformation as a direct result of this meeting.

—*Nick Choco, Pastor*

► **WHARTON, TEX.**—The Assembly of God here just closed a wonderful revival with Evangelist G. L. Surface of Houston, Tex. The attendance was great, and the Lord blessed mightily in every service in spite of bad weather. One was saved, and six were filled with the Holy Spirit.

—*James E. Guin, Pastor*

► **MOUNTAINAIR, NEW MEX.**—During the recent evangelistic meetings with Evangelist and Mrs. Don Rippey of Fort Smith, Ark. the crowds were the best in several years. A number found Christ as personal Saviour. The inspired preaching and singing were enjoyed by all.

—*Lester L. Statser, Pastor*

► **OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA.**—The Southwest Assembly of God was recently blessed with an unusual visitation of the Holy Ghost during the four-weeks ministry of Evangelist Hubert Surratt. Souls were saved, others reclaimed, and a number were filled with the Spirit. The anointed messages stirred the entire congregation and gave them a real desire to live close to the Lord in these last days.

—*H. H. Palmer, Pastor*

► **BUTLER, MO.**—The church here recently spent two weeks of prayer and fasting, and then Evangelist J. Ward Campbell came for a series of evangelistic meetings. God moved in an old-fashioned way, saving 22 individuals. A number were healed in body. Among the healings was an outstanding deliverance from an incurable skin disease. Two other people had their hearing restored. The Christians were stirred and edified by the Spirit-anointed preaching of the Word of God.

—*Clyde Davis, Pastor*

► **RICHMOND, CALIF.**—The Full Gospel Temple recently enjoyed two and a half weeks of revival under the leadership of Evangelist and Mrs. Gene Martin. At least 25 received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, and more than that knelt at the altar for salvation. The crowds were consistently better than the church has seen in many years. Although the evangelist has gone, the revival continues. In the first service after the meetings closed, three received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, and two were saved.

—*J. Paul Bruton, Pastor*

► **BAXTER SPRINGS, KANS.**—The church here has been blessed in recent months with two very excellent evangelistic campaigns. The first one was under the direction of Evangelist and Mrs. James Brankle of Moreland, Okla. Some 11 were saved, and five were filled with the Holy Spirit during that meeting. Evangelist R. Alan Davis followed with another good meeting. During that time 16 were saved and two were filled with the Holy Spirit. The preaching of both of these young men was anointed, and the special music and singing was an inspiration.

—*W. A. Raiford, Pastor*

► **TEHACHAPI, CALIF.**—Thirteen souls came to the altar for salvation in the two-week revival campaign just concluded here by Evangelist and Mrs. Billy D. Guthrie of Oklahoma. One received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. There was a record Sunday School attendance each week, with 172 on the last Sunday. The entire church was blessed and stirred to a closer walk with God.

—*W. A. Martindale, Pastor*

► **RAYVILLE, LA.**—The Holly Ridge Assembly of God just closed a good three-week revival with Evangelist and Mrs. E. H. Sherratt of Oakland, Calif. Souls were saved, and the spiritual tide was high. Every service was blessed by the Lord. Sunday School attendance increased each Sunday.

—*John A. Graves, Pastor*

► **LONDON, ARK.**—Flat Rock Assembly experienced the blessings of God in copious measure during the recent three-week ministry of Evangelist Herschal J. Cooper of Stockton, Calif. Twenty-two souls prayed through to salvation, nine received the Baptism of the Holy Ghost, and a large number were healed of various afflictions. This old-fashioned revival will long be remembered as an hour of God's visitation.

—*Richard Donahue, Pastor*

► **McKINLEYVILLE, CALIF.**—The McKinleyville Assembly of God just closed a four-week revival with Evangelist and Mrs. Leon Ketcherside of Little Rock, Ark. Several were saved and filled with the Holy Spirit. Two couples were saved who had never sought God before. The church was greatly inspired during this special ministry by both the Word of God and singing.

—*C. L. Myers, Pastor*

► **LITTLE ROCK, ARK.**—The Lord greatly manifested His power in the recent revival meetings in the Rosedale Assembly of God under the ministry of Evangelist C. A. Welch of Brinkley, Ark. Forty were saved or reclaimed, 23 were filled with the Holy Ghost, and a number were healed during the 17 days. Among the miraculous healings was that of a fifteen-year-old girl who had worn braces from the waist down as the result of polio. After she was prayed for, she took off her braces and walked unassisted with her hands upraised, praising God.

—*Marion C. Ballard, Pastor*

► **HARRISBURG, ARK.**—The Greenfield Assembly of God has just experienced a very successful revival with Evangelist Robert Copeland. Twenty-six individuals were saved, eight received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, and 17 followed the Lord in water baptism. For two months the church had prayed for a Holy Ghost revival, and God surely answered prayer.

—*Joe H. Harper, Pastor*

► **PASCAGOULA, MISS.**—Evangelists Iva Harris and Thelma Denny of Shawnee, Okla. recently concluded a very successful revival in the First Assembly of God. The meeting continued five full weeks, and the church was greatly edified. A number were saved and some were filled. Eighteen were baptized in water at the close of the meeting and several applications were received for church membership.

—*G. L. McKinney, Pastor*

► MARIANNA, ARK.—The Anspaugh Chord Makers recently conducted an excellent revival here. About 10 people were saved, the church was edified spiritually, and much good was done. The Anspaughs have a Spirit-filled ministry.
—*Jess Nichols, Pastor*

► PENTICTON, B.C. CANADA — The revival meeting in Bethel Tabernacle with Evangelist Bill Scott of Springfield, Mo. was a time of rich spiritual blessing. The effects of the meetings are still being felt. A number came to the altar for salvation, and others renewed their consecration to God. A number have publicly testified to healing by divine power. Prayer services contributed greatly to the meetings.
—*W. C. Irvine, Pastor*

► STOCKTON, CALIF.—The ministry of Evangelist and Mrs. John Giannattasio of Bridgeport, Conn. was especially blessed of God in a three and a half weeks revival conducted at the Mosswood Avenue Church of All Nations (Assembly of God) in this city. Many were saved and several received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. The church was uplifted by the anointed preaching. Sister Giannattasio's music was also greatly enjoyed.
—*Fred L. Rodgers, Pastor*

► EATON, OHIO—The church enjoyed a very profitable three-week revival under the anointed ministry of Billy Wolfe. There were many who responded to the call for salvation, for refillings of the Holy Spirit, and for a deeper walk with the Lord. A Nazarene lady received the infilling of the Holy Ghost. The Lord was present to heal during the meetings, as many received definite healings.
—*W. W. Martin, Pastor*

► COPALIS CROSSING, WASH.—The ministry of Evangelist Dale Holford was especially blessed of God in a four-week revival conducted here in February. Souls were saved, sick bodies were healed, and Christians were encouraged in the Lord. The Holy Spirit is continuing to move in the church and the community.
—*Donald B. Strong, Pastor*

► SAN MIGUEL, CALIF.—Evangelist C. D. Spencer of Shell Beach, Calif. just concluded a very successful revival in the church here. The dynamic preaching of the Word was confirmed by the presence of the Spirit of the Lord in every service. People were stirred, and the church as a whole was drawn nearer to the Lord.
—*Charles W. Barrett, Pastor*

► NILES, OHIO—The Assembly of God here enjoyed two weeks of excellent meetings with Evangelist Charles Imler of Spencerville, Ind. The church was revived as people obeyed God and renewed their consecration. Some received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit and several were saved.
—*Carl E. Ladd, Pastor*

► HASTINGS, NEBR.—Six souls were saved and six baptized in the Holy Spirit during the recent revival campaign with Evangelist and Mrs. Wendell Reed of Denver, Colo. The entire church was revived and the power of God was manifested in every service. This was the greatest stir in the church for a number of years.
—*H. W. Lebsack, Pastor*



Your Questions

ANSWERED BY ERNEST S. WILLIAMS

Where did the spirit of Jesus go when He died on the cross?

While on the cross Jesus said to the repentant thief, "To day shalt thou be with me in paradise." Therefore the spirit of Jesus went to Paradise when He expired.

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Will there be degree of punishment in hell?

I believe there will be, even though we may not know just how this will be determined. God is going to give "to every man according as his work shall be" (Revelation 22:12). The wicked are "treasuring up... wrath against the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God" (Romans 2:5).

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Was the resurrection body of Jesus the same as the body which He had before coming into this world?

The resurrection body of Jesus was His human body, which He received through His birth into our world, but it was a *glorified* human body. It was no longer material, limited to the sphere of earthly existence. It was a spiritual body, such as we will have when we receive our resurrection bodies. "It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body." See 1 Corinthians 15:37-44. This is a great mystery, which requires the infinite ability of God to bring about. It is for us to believe, and for God to fulfill.

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Did Adam and Eve go to heaven when they died?

Since God clothed them with skins of animals (Genesis 3:21), which is a type of our being clothed with the righteousness of Christ, we have every reason for believing they were saved when they died.

According to Old Testament teaching the dead went to "sheol," there to await the atoning work of Christ, through whom everlasting righteousness would be brought in. In the Old Testament those who died were spoken of as

being "gathered to their fathers." In the New Testament, since the separating veil has been rent, believers now go to the third heaven, into Paradise (2 Corinthians 12:4).

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Does the spirit enter another body at death?

There are those who erroneously teach that the spirit enters some other material body at death. This may be a body of man or animal. The better the person has lived in this life, they say, the higher form it will enjoy in the next life. This false doctrine is called *the transmigration of the soul*. It is not the teaching of the Bible. At death the spirit leaves the body and remains an unembodied spirit until the resurrection (1 Corinthians 15:51-53). At death the spirit goes to be with Christ (2 Corinthians 5:8; Philippians 1:23).

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What did Jesus mean when He said to Mary, "Touch me not; for I am not yet ascended to my Father" (John 20:17)?

I believe Jesus had in mind that He had not yet ascended as our High Priest to present the merit of His atonement before the Father. The type of this is found in Leviticus 16. On the Day of Atonement the high priest in Israel went alone into the Holy of Holies, there to make atonement for himself and for the people. So Jesus, our Great High Priest, "by his own blood... entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us" (Hebrews 9:12). In the evening of the day of resurrection, having been accepted at the mercy seat on high (Hebrews 9:5), Jesus allowed the disciples to touch Him. See John 20:19, 20, 27.

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 (if you send a stamped self-addressed envelope).

News of Evangelists

BIRGER and EVELYN THORNES are again evangelizing in Europe after having been in this country eight years. They write:

"We have spent several months itinerating in Iceland, Norway, Sweden, Denmark, and Finland. Our route is quite different from the ordinary itinerary of the American preaching visitor. We have no language barriers in the Scandinavian countries (both of us speaking and singing the language) so besides visiting the Philadelphia churches in Oslo and Stockholm, and the Salem church in Helsinki, where there are interpreters, we are able to visit numerous other churches. This extensive itinerary has given us an insight into the Pentecostal work in general in Scandinavia—not only the 'face' of the movement.

"From the largest city to the smallest hamlet we have gone, preaching and singing to an eager audience wherever we went. God has been good in rewarding us with visible results of these meetings.

"The Pentecostal work has penetrated deep into the soul of the countries. Ministers of other denominations do not criticize the Pentecostal movement publicly, due to the tremendous impact it has made on the people at large. In fact, the influence of the Pentecostal message can be measured by the fact that many of the State church ministers and their wives have received an experimental knowledge of the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. Also, this influence is noticeable by the presence of goodly numbers of intellectuals and professional people of the community in the membership. In one church we visited, there were no less than seven civil engineers in its membership.

"Pentecostal congregations are very large, throughout Sweden and Finland especially. In Sweden one pastor apologized sincerely for 'a small church of only 500 active members.' For comparison, in Eskiltuna, Sweden (where we have been twice and were invited back for a third campaign) they have 800 active members and a Sunday School of over 800 children with no young people or adults other than the Sunday School teachers. Special emphasis is given to children's meetings during the week in the church and at convenient meeting places throughout the city.

"We are in our last week of a month's stay in Finland. From here we shall return to Oslo, Norway, to visit our daughter Karen who is in school there, and also to enjoy a short respite."

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NIELS P. THOMSEN has been inactive for a time because of illness, but is busy in meetings again. . . . CLIFFORD ANDREWS recently returned from an evangelistic trip around the world. . . . W. A. BORROWS has accepted the church in Grand Forks, N. Dak. . . . L. C. ROBIE had to curtail his activities for a time, but is now able to be back on the field. . . . G. L. JOHNSON, formerly an evan-

gelist, is the new pastor in Owensboro, Ky. . . . CHRISTIAN HILD utilizes the rest nights of his campaigns by showing his Holy Land pictures in neighboring churches. . . . R. S. PETERSON has a change of address. Until May 1 he can be reached at 735 South Quincy St., Green Bay, Wis. After that, his address will be 102 S. E. 9th Court, Hialeah, Fla.

NEW CHURCH TO BE DEDICATED

BENTON HARBOR, MICH.—We have just erected a new \$132,000 blond brick church with a seating capacity of 500. The educational department provides facilities for a Sunday School of 400. The dedication will be in June.

God has blessed the work with such an increase that it became necessary to launch a building program in a new area of the city, even though the old church was dedicated in 1946. We have changed the name of the church from Bethel Assembly of God to Fairplain Assembly of God. The new address is Napier and Broadway Streets, Benton Harbor, Mich.

—Arnold Q. Hashman, Pastor

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MISSISSIPPI DISTRICT COUNCIL—June 10-12 at Laurel, Miss. Gayle F. Lewis, Assistant General Superintendent, speaker. District Superintendent, J. F. Ballard, will preside. A. L. Samford and J. A. Allard Jr., host pastors. For further information write Mississippi District Council, Box 1954, Meridian, Miss.—by E. E. Noland, District Secretary-Treasurer.

SOUTH DAKOTA DISTRICT COUNCIL—Apr. 23-26 at Madison, S. Dak. Atwood Foster, General Treasurer of the Assemblies of God, guest speaker. The first day will be the State C. A. Convention.—by Silas Rexroat, District Superintendent.

ILLINOIS DISTRICT COUNCIL—May 7-9 at First Assembly of God, Springfield, Ill. J. O. Savell, Assistant General Superintendent, guest speaker. For reservation write Host Pastor, G. E. Mandel, 542 N. Klein St., Springfield, Ill.—by W. R. Williamson, Superintendent.

DEDICATION of new Bethel Temple, 325 S. Smithville Rd., Dayton, Ohio, Sunday morning, April 28. R. M. Riggs, Gen. Supt., dedicatory speaker. C. W. Hahn, Ohio Dist. Supt., and C. C. Burnett, Vice-Pres. of Central Bible Institute, assisting. Ohio District Council will convene in Bethel Temple, Apr. 29-May 2. C. C. Burnett will preach each night for a week.—by Paul J. Emery, Pastor.



Mrs. Mattie Hadra and M. Keller, R. N. at Pinellas Park Home

Four-Bed Infirmary Now in Use at Pinellas Park

At the Board of Directors' Meeting at Pinellas Park Home on December 28, the need for an infirmary at Pinellas Park Home was discussed. Two of the residents were already confined to their beds and were only able to be up in a wheelchair occasionally. An application was pending for Sister Mary Stribling who had recently suffered a stroke.

Because of the urgent need, the Board of Directors requested Malcolm Hunter, Superintendent of the Home, to make arrangements for the necessary remodeling to convert one of the larger downstairs rooms into a four-bed infirmary. The following report was made by Brother Hunter on February 11:

"The infirmary is all set up and in operation with four patients — Sister Stribling, Sister Gager, Sister Kennedy and now Sister Baehr, who became ill during the night on Tuesday, February 5th, and moved into the infirmary on Thursday.

"Everyone remarks what a pleasant, light, airy room our infirmary is, and I believe those that are in there now are much happier than they were in a single room. The room has been painted, new Vinyl tile flooring laid, and a few additional pieces of equipment purchased. The Health Department required that a larger and deeper sink be installed, and this has been done."

(Billie, Sister Kennedy's canary, enjoys being in such pleasant surroundings. He sings his little heart out for the patients.)

Pinellas Park Home is supported almost entirely by gifts from Assemblies of God people—gifts made directly to the Pinellas Park Home Fund, or by way of the Aged Ministers' Assistance Fund. Our responsibility to these aged folk is growing with the years. The provision of an infirmary has involved considerable expense. In addition to the remodeling, painting, installing of cabinets, shelves, etc., it has been necessary to purchase two hospital beds at a cost of about \$300.00. Offerings designated for Pinellas Park Home Infirmary will help to defray the expense of this necessary project.

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Our Resurrection Body

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have seen, in the magic transformation of the bulb into the lily, that it is a changed body. Now, in the fall of a tent and the substitution of a mansion, we learn the startling truth that it is a new body. "For we know," says Paul, "if the *earthly* house"—the animal, the earthly body, "of our *tent*" (the housing of the soul made of skin and hair-cloth) "be *dissolved*" (for dissolution only, not destruction, awaits this mortal frame) "we have a *building*"—more substantial than a tent, and replacing it: another creation altogether—"FROM GOD" (2 Cor. 5:1). No more from the birth of an earthly mother, nor yet from the tomb; no fragile collapsible tent, but a marble mansion from God—pure from the hands of the Most High in a fresh creation.

Our present body is also from God, but mediated through the human; the new body is not from my mother, who brought me forth in visible frailty; the new body is the direct, unmarred workmanship of God, sinless, physically perfect, immortal. The new body is "in the heavens": it is nowhere said to be made out of the dust of the *earth*.

There will be no martyrdoms there, for it is "eternal," and "in the heavens": a new, immortal, incorruptible, indissoluble, heaven-born residence of the soul. So therefore we groan, not to get rid of the body, but to get a better; a body in which prayer will not be a weariness, sin will not be an attraction, disease will not be a possibility, and death will not be the goal. Literally "we are not willing to divest ourselves [of our fragile tent], but to put on [the indestructible dwelling] over it" (Alford); it is not the stripping off in the charnel-house that we yearn for, but the robing in the throne-room.

What we yearn for is a new body, "longing to be clothed upon with our habitation which is from heaven"; not buried under the debris of the collapsible tent, but, like Enoch, or Elijah, transmuted at once into the holy and the heavenly.

So Paul, in order to adjust together the many-faceted diamond of resur-



ASSEMBLY AT HEMPSTEAD, N. Y. CELEBRATES ANNIVERSARY

The Assembly of God Church at Hempstead, N. Y. (formerly known as the Glad Tidings Church) recently celebrated its seventeenth anniversary. During the day a color film of the construction of the new church building was shown. The building program began in 1953 soon after Steve Durasoff became the pastor, and came to a successful conclusion two years later.

The new building, valued at \$70,000, has a beautiful auditorium with oak pews, baptistry, front rooms, rear-view nursery room with P. A. system. There is a basement 35 by 74 feet with ten-foot ceiling which contains Sunday School Rooms, rest rooms, furnace room, etc. The church started building with only \$5,000 on hand. The pastor and one of the members acted as general contractors. All the carpentry, plumbing, and heating work was donated. As a result of these efforts and the sacrificial giving of the people, the indebtedness is only \$23,000.

During the past two years the average Sunday School attendance has steadily increased from 79 in 1953-54 to 121 in 1954-55 and to 138 in 1955-56. The present goal is 200.

A number have been saved and filled with the Spirit since 1955 when the congregation moved into the new building. Twenty-six have been baptized in water. The first to receive the Baptism of the Spirit in the new church was the pastor's own son. Evangelist L. K. Dodge has been preaching in special meetings this month. Other evangelists who have ministered in the past two years are: Lyman Jollay, Joseph Vitello, Jack E. Risner, George Holmes, Ronald Ripley, and the Gundersen Evangelists.

The church has a burden for soul-winning at home and abroad. They have been giving monthly offerings for the pioneer work at Rockville Center. They conduct weekly services with the aged in the Nassau County Home and with the juvenile delinquents at the Nassau County Children's Shelter. Street meetings were conducted the past two summers with the C.A.'s actively participating. Missionary giving passed the \$1,500 mark last year.

In the Hempstead Assembly there is an active church group for everyone, including the Women's Missionary Council, the Men's Fellowship, Gospel Girls, and Bible Boys.

rection truth, now gives us the master-key in a single gorgeous phrase: "*That what is mortal may be swallowed up of life,*" absorbed and transmuted by glowing, glorious life in an utter, final, total abolition of death. Here we get the junction of the two aspects of truth. In the germinating seed there is a life germ which survives; yet the great bulk of the plant is new. So "what is mortal" is not annihilated, nor dropped, but "swallowed up" in absorption by the new body from God. The tomb does not give up a resuscitated mummy, as the old Egyptians thought, but "God *giveth* it a body, and to each seed [each corpse] a body of its own." So then the risen body is

the old, and yet it is the new. It is substantially physical, but it is functionally spiritual. It is not two bodies, but an absorption of that which issues from the tomb into that which descends out of the heavens.

Deep down in the bowels of the earth, by a process no mortal knows, and which, if it could be discovered, would make a chemist inconceivably wealthy, charcoal turns to diamond. The substance is the same; yet it is different beyond conception. The charcoal has been swallowed up of diamond. The softest of minerals in the bowels of the earth becomes the hardest and most durable—as well as most valuable. So also is the resurrection of the dead.

Rejoicing in His Resurrection

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nothing of Myself, but as My Father worketh, so I work." He attempted nothing without first praying to the Father. He said He would die, that He would be buried, and that God would raise Him up. Had He been left in the tomb, all His claims of deity would have vanished. But He did not remain in the tomb, for we read in Romans 1:4 that He was "declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the Spirit of Holiness, by the resurrection from the dead."

Third, the resurrection of Jesus Christ guarantees that God has accepted the sin offering that Christ made for us on Calvary. It is one thing for an offering to be made and another thing for the offering to be accepted, for we read in the 10th chapter of Hebrews that all the offerings of animals could never take away sin. As John said, the blood of Jesus Christ, God's Son, will cleanse us from every sin, and the fact that God raised Christ from the dead gave us the assurance of sins forgiven. It placed that big sign "WHOSOEVER WILL" before a lost world, assuring them that all may come and be saved.

Fourth, the resurrection of Jesus Christ guarantees our justification, for we read in Romans 4:25 that He "was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification." Christ died under our sins—"Who His own self bare our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness; by whose stripes ye were healed." Again in 2 Corinthians 5:21 we read, "For He hath made Him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him." He was raised and is now at God's right hand—"For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us." This is the token that our sins are gone, that His work for us has the divine approbation, and that we for whom He suffered are completely justified.

Fifth, the resurrection of Jesus Christ guarantees victory to believers over the power of sin in their daily lives. Our union with Christ is complete. When He died on the cross, we who now believe in Him died with Him. When He was buried, we who now believe in Him were buried with Him. When He was raised from the dead, we who now believe in Him were raised with Him, and our proper position today is in heavenly places in Christ. And this does not end it, for when Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall we also appear with Him in glory. At this present moment we are living on resurrection ground, and therefore there is no need of any child of God living a defeated life. *Risen with Christ* should be the status of all Christians. If this is so, we have the assurance that we shall not be

ashamed when we stand before Him at His appearing.

Sixth, the resurrection of Jesus Christ guarantees a resurrection body to all who believe in Him. We read in 1 Corinthians 15:20, "But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first fruits of them that slept." And also in 1 Thessalonians 4:14, "For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with Him." Jesus said, "Because I live, ye shall live also." When John was on the lonely Isle of Patmos, separated from all that was near and dear, he was visited by the Lord Jesus, and when he saw Him, he said he fell at His feet as dead. In that moment Jesus laid His right hand upon John and said, "Fear not; I am the first and the last. I am He that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death."

So every child of God may exultantly say, "O grave, where is thy victory? O death, where is thy sting?" These have all been defeated, and we are assured of our title deed to mansions in the skies. Thank God for our Risen Lord and Saviour. ◀◀

BGMC Day Giving Exceeds \$15,000 Goal

The Boys and Girls Missionary Crusade takes a special offering each year on BGMC Day, the first Sunday in February. Every year the national goal has been raised from that of the previous year. The 1957 goal was an ambitious one—a jump of \$3,000 above that of last year. The figure set for this offering from BGMC children under 13 years of age across the nation was \$15,000.

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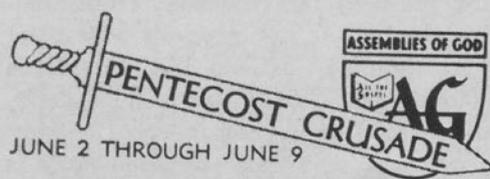
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Is Your Home Complete?

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