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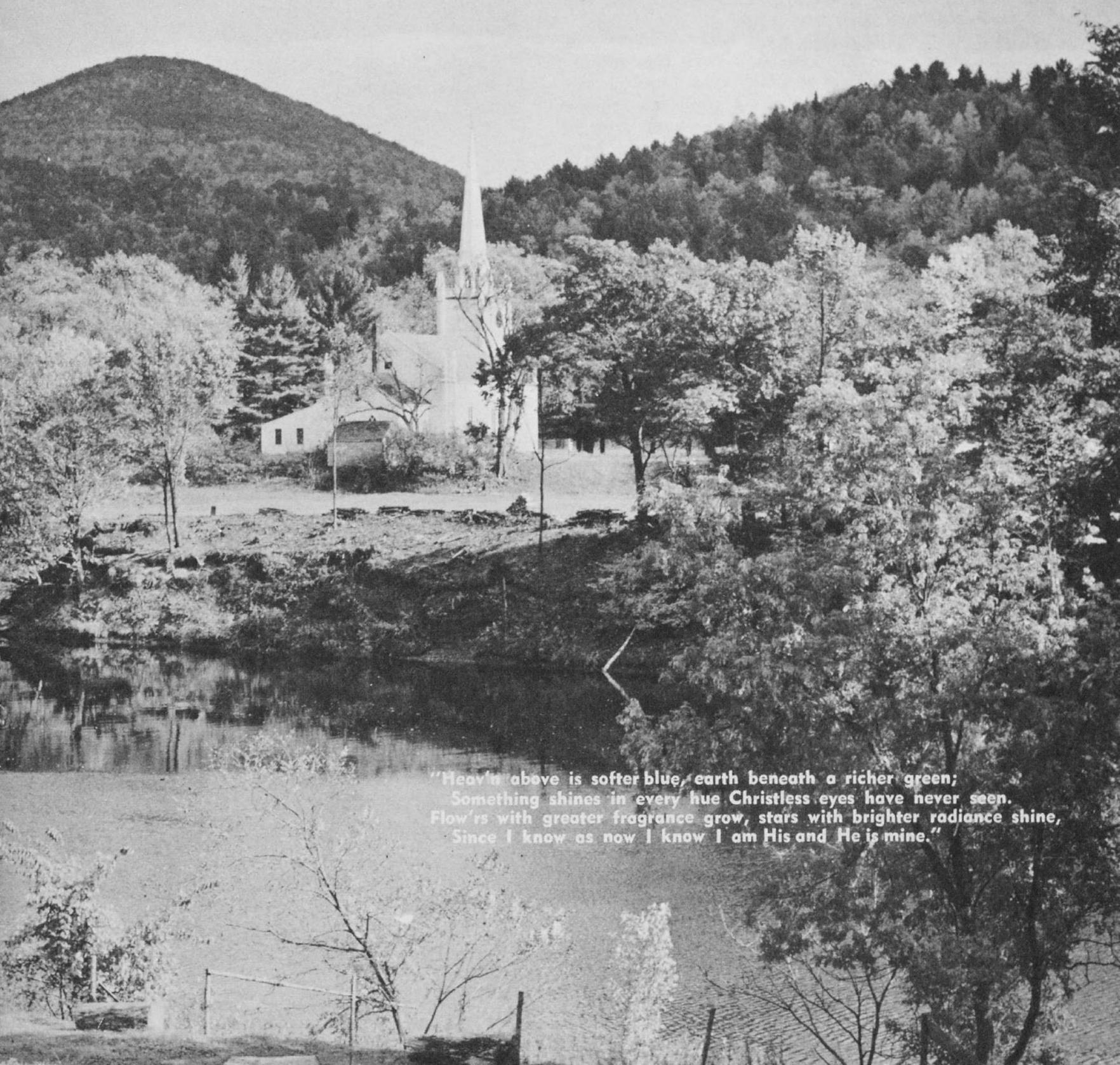
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NOT BY MIGHT, NOR BY POWER, BUT BY MY SPIRIT, SAITH THE LORD



"Heav'n above is softer blue, earth beneath a richer green;
Something shines in every hue Christless eyes have never seen.
Flow'rs with greater fragrance grow, stars with brighter radiance shine,
Since I know as now I know I am His and He is mine."

A Dual Fellowship

We love to sing, "What a fellowship, what a joy divine, leaning on the Everlasting Arms!" It is indeed a blessing to have fellowship with God and to know we are held in His mighty arms. Amos R. Wells, writing in *Sunday School Times*, once put it this way:

"Walking is dull, I must sadly own; walking is dull if one walks alone: no one to talk with of what one sees—flowers and meadows and birds and trees. Walking is fine if a comrade true, loving and eager, goes with you. Merry the chat and merry the song as the comrade spirits trudge along. The miles are short and the views are fair, and sweet and cool is the magic air, and a wondrous charm is the brotherly weather as you and your comrade walk together.

"And so, O Spirit divinely high, the Lord of the earth and the arching sky, Thy love bends down from infinity, and even descends to walk with me. What beautiful prospects grow around as Thou and I tread the hallowed ground! What hopes upspring and exultantly grow as Thou and I are traveling so! What strength the body, what joy in the heart, as Thou art taking the comrade part! I am firm as iron and light as a feather when I and the Spirit are walking together!"

Fellowship with Christ is sweeter than words can tell—and yet there is another fellowship, too, that is indescribably wonderful. It is the fellowship we have with our Christian brothers and sisters, a fellowship much deeper than one can find on the natural level. It is the fellowship described in 1 John 1:3. In fact, this same verse describes a dual fellowship. It says, "That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with His Son Jesus Christ." Here is a fellowship with God and with fellow-believers. We can link one arm with God, as it were, and one arm with our fellow-Christians, as we walk the pilgrim pathway; and each side of this blessed dual fellowship which we enjoy is dependent upon the other. A break in the one fellowship brings a break in the other.

Christian fellowship is much more precious than the brotherhood to be found in other fraternal organizations. Two brothers were visiting Europe. One was an earnest Christian, the other an unconverted Freemason. They ran into an American and discovered he was a gospel missionary. The Christian and the missionary were drawn to each other immediately. One told how God's work was prospering in the homeland, the other told what the Lord was doing on the mission field. They talked at some length. Afterward the Mason said to his brother, "John, where did you meet that gentleman before?" The Christian answered, "I never saw him before in my life." "What!" exclaimed the Mason, "you never saw him before, and yet you've been like brothers for the last half hour? Say, John, this beats Masonry."

Yes, there is a bond above all bonds. In Christ "we being many are one . . . body." We must take advantage of every opportunity to gather in the house of God for fellowship, worship, and instruction in the Word. Thank the Lord for the privilege of fellowship with Him and with each other.

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Keep the *Forward* Look!

BY S. S. SCULL

YOU MIGHT EXPECT THAT, ON ACCOUNT of my age, I would talk about the past. No, I don't live in the past. Everything I learned, I learned in the past; but I live in the present and in the time to come. The past is no longer ours—but, thank God, the future is still before us and our opportunity is tremendous.

Isaiah lived in a day when Judah was on the decline. Israel had already fallen and been carried away captive. Morally, there was great declension in the land—the worship of God was neglected, the ordinances of God were forgotten, and the service of God was fallen into absolute decay. Their leaders and even their priests were fallen men.

The soul of Isaiah was deeply disturbed, and he cried out in agony of spirit to God to save them from their awful impending fate: "Awake, awake, put on strength, O arm of the Lord; awake, as in the ancient days, in the generations of old" (Isaiah 51:9). He

This is a digest of the sermon Brother Scull delivered at the Assembly of God in North Hollywood, Calif., where he was pastor many years ago. He writes: "This is my last sermon. I had to sit down while preaching it, for if I tried to stand my tires would go flat about half way through—and it isn't pleasant riding on flat tires! If you publish this sermon please give my new address. I would like, if still living, to see what reaction I get to this bold look into the near future."

Brother Scull's address is Route 4, Box 238, Mesa, Arizona. He is 94 years old.

remembered how God had brought them out of Egypt's bondage by a mighty hand and an outstretched arm. He remembered how God had brought them through the Red Sea on dry land. He recalled how God had sustained them for forty years in the desert and wilderness, feeding them on bread from heaven. He remembered how many times God had delivered them in the land of promise when they fell into sin and bondage. These things stirred his soul to cry out to God in this time of need.

But God had an answer: "Awake, awake; put on thy strength, O Zion; put on thy beautiful garments, O Jerusalem" (Isaiah 52:1). Unfortunately God's people did not answer that challenge. They did not reform or change, but went on in their sinful course, in idolatry and disobedience to God, until they too were destroyed as a nation and carried away into captivity.

Now I think there must be a lesson for us today in these words. Most of God's promises are conditional; and if we desire and expect the blessing of God we must follow that wonderful word of God to put on *our* strength and put on *our* beautiful garments. To my mind, the "strength" of Israel was in obedience to the ordinances of God, and in the prayer of faith. As long as Israel kept their feasts and their sabbaths and worshiped Jehovah, their land was never invaded. They never suffered any harm or loss when they obeyed God. And their "beautiful garments" were praise and holiness unto the Lord. I'm sure that the message of God to us today is that if we

want to see revival, and if we want to see our church prosper and grow spiritually, we must take ourselves to prayer, lead holy lives by the grace of God, and worship Him in praise and thanksgiving—because that's what glorifies the Lord.

The fourteenth chapter of Revelation pictures a Person sitting upon a white cloud with a crown of gold upon His head and a sharp sickle in His hand. He was "like unto the Son of man," and undoubtedly it was the Son of Man. An angel came out of the temple and cried to Him, "Thrust in thy sickle, and reap: for the time is come for thee to reap; for the harvest of the earth is ripe." And He thrust in His sickle on the earth, and the harvest of the earth was reaped. Now I ask of you, "What kind of harvest would Jesus be interested in?" Undoubtedly nothing but souls would interest the Lord Jesus Christ as a harvest. So when He thrust His sickle into the earth to reap, it was to gather a harvest of souls.

Well, we have evidence today that Christ has thrust in His sickle into the earth to reap. Multitudes of people are becoming interested in their souls' welfare. The number of converts today was not equaled even by the Pentecostal days of the Early Church. And to my mind, this is an answer to this cry to the Lord Jesus to thrust in His sickle and reap. Oh, how wonderful, how needful that the power of God should be displayed here in this earth in a supernatural way such as has never before been witnessed. But I declare to you that the greatest things God will

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First Things First

IF ALL MINISTERS AND DELEGATES WILL PUT FIRST THINGS FIRST AT THE GENERAL COUNCIL, AND SEEK GOD'S WILL, WE WILL HAVE THE BEST COUNCIL IN THE HISTORY OF OUR FELLOWSHIP.



BY HOWARD S. BUSH

South Florida District Superintendent

THREE THINGS ARE REQUIRED OF A man who would follow Jesus. He must (1) deny himself; (2) take up his cross; and (3) follow Jesus.

But I wonder how much we know about cross-bearing? Probably there has never been a time when the challenge of real consecration needed to be sounded in our Movement as much as today. The shallowness, lifelessness, lukewarmness that prevails among some Pentecostal people is a stench in the nostrils of God.

This generation has developed a tendency to be Pentecostal in theory rather than in practice. The custom is to follow our own desires most of the time, while still retaining a form of Pentecostal worship.

Jesus warned that "many that are first shall be last; and the last shall be first" (Matthew 19:30). He recognized that desire is basic—that no one ever makes a success in his field of activity unless he has great desires—but He taught that our desires must be channelled in the right direction.

Where do your desires run? Are you dominated by desires for worldly gain, for selfish attainment, or are you controlled by a passion to live for God? If your motivating desire is to serve the Lord and to do His will, you may not be in the limelight of the world today—not even the religious world—but you will be in the forefront in

the world to come, and that is infinitely more important.

The Saviour said, "If any man will come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me" (Matthew 16:24). Here is the test of true discipleship. Basically, it is a question of desire. If we are going to have revival we must put **FIRST THINGS FIRST**.

A true Christian lives not to be served, but to serve. He puts God first, others second, and himself last. He finds satisfaction and reward by sharing and giving, by praying and praising, by learning to sing songs of victory in the night; whereas a shallow Christian wants sympathy and comfort, and is always looking for someone to lean on who will listen to his woeful tale of self-pity.

The faithful servant of Christ takes up his cross. There are loads to be lifted, burdens to be carried, wounds to be healed; and the faithful Christian sanctifies himself, accepts the God-given task, and patiently bears his cross. At times the load may seem unbearable, but God will not lay more upon us than we are able to bear. It is the cross-bearing Christian who brings about a spiritual world-wide advance.

Following Christ means vastly more than giving Him lip-service. It requires mental, moral, emotional, and

physical yieldedness to keep step with the Master. You cannot follow Jesus without a complete consecration, which means denying yourself and taking up your cross daily.

Perhaps you are wondering if it is worth while to discipline oneself to bear a cross. This question was asked centuries ago. Peter said to Jesus, "Behold, we have forsaken all, and followed thee; what shall we have therefore?" And Jesus answered, "Every one that hath forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for My name's sake, shall receive an hundred-fold, and shall inherit everlasting life."

The promise to those who forsake everything for Jesus is a hundredfold (10,000%) profit in this life and security in eternal life. We all want eternal life, but we seem reluctant to forsake all to gain the profit Christ speaks of. The average Christian today does not put first things first. He will forsake certain things to follow Christ, but not all.

Preachers, as well as laymen, like to dabble in many sidelines, thereby diverting their main interests from God to themselves. They will forsake father, mother, brothers, sisters—but not houses or lands. Surely the making of a few extra dollars by dabbling in real estate, speculating in buying and selling, setting up your own business or becoming a partner in another, is not wrong for a preacher. I would not protest the necessary secular work for pioneer preachers or those in difficult financial circumstances, and yet I would like to point to the promise of God as fundamentally true:

"but seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you" (Matthew 6:33). What things? The necessary provisions of this life—food, clothing, and shelter.

"No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon" (Matthew 6:24). This is a positive statement. We cannot center our thoughts and time in both money and God. It must be one or the other—either God or gold. "Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment? . . . Your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things" (Matthew 6:25, 32).

If you want the full provision that this life has to offer to you, remember 1 Kings 17:13, "And Elijah said unto her, Fear not; *go and do* as thou hast said: but make me thereof a little cake first, and bring it unto me, and after make for thee and for thy son." A full confidence in the wisdom of God's will will eliminate fear. A full obedience in "going and doing" will bring to you the benefits of the law of compensation. Two things the prophet required first—the making of his cake, and the bringing of the cake to him. It was not enough to make it; she must take it to him. So it is not enough for us just to be "willing" to put God first; we must show this willingness by sacrificing our time, talents, money, and love in our service to others.

"And He sat down, and called the twelve, and saith unto them, If any man desire to be first, the same shall be last of all, and servant of all" (Mark 9:35). They had been disputing among themselves as to who should be the greatest. Jesus revealed for time and eternity that He considers greatness to be service rendered in deep humility to all—not for one's own honor, but for His honor. To the church at Ephesus, Jesus said, "Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love. Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent" (Revelation 2:4, 5).

To put first things first requires that we do not leave our first love. To leave your first love is to sin. No wonder Jesus said, "Repent!" We cannot afford to have our candlestick removed or our light smothered. We must shine in this topsy-turvy world. Nothing is more important than that we love Christ just as sincerely, just as passionately, just as fervently, as when we were first saved and baptized in the Holy Spirit.

Someone once said to Jesus, "Master, speak to my brother, that he divide the inheritance with me." And Jesus answered, "Take heed, and beware of covetousness: for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth" (Luke 12:15).

He continued, "Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to

give you the kingdom. Sell that ye have, and give alms; provide yourselves bags which wax not old, a treasure in the heavens that faileth not, where no thief approacheth, neither moth corrupteth. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also" (Luke 12:32-34).

Yes, first things must come first. It will be worth it all to be ready for His coming, to be filled with spiritual power, with divine love, and with an undivided purpose and allegiance toward God and man.

An atheist has a reason, but no hope for his reason. A hypocrite has a hope but no reason for his hope. A Christian has a reason for his hope and a hope for his reason.

A WORD TO MOTHERS OF COLLEGE STUDENTS

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Mom



Of course it seems like yesterday you were rocking your baby in your arms. But let's face it: not only have *we* grown older—the youngsters have too. And they're on their own now. Your emotion is natural as you watch your son or daughter leave home for college. The concerns which fill your heart are common to all parents: "Will my child live up to the standards we have taught? Will he or she continue a real Christian experience?" These are the major concerns which make others seem trivial.

Because the problems of Pentecostal young people in college are unique—and because the concern of parents over the youngster's spiritual future is the concern of our whole church—the National C. A. Department has developed its Campus Ambassadors program. A free publication and other correspondence are sent free of charge to every C.A. on our list. This material is written on college level, with the direct purpose of welding a strong tie between student and church. Your son or daughter can be included on this list—just send us the name, school address, and home address.

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THIS PRESENT WORLD

Sacramento Florists Halt Sunday Sales

Beginning September 1, members of the Sacramento (Calif.) Retail Florists Association will refrain from selling flowers on Sundays. The move, a spokesman said, will allow florists and their employees to observe the Lord's Day.

Stiffer Fines for Sunday Auto Sales

Pennsylvania Governor George M. Leader has signed into law a bill designed to stop the sale of automobiles on Sundays in that state. While such sales are actually illegal under existing laws, the new bill puts the penalty for first offenders at maximum of \$100. The fine under the old law was \$4.

Israel Recognizes 13 Non-Jewish Religious Groups

Thirteen non-Jewish religious groups have now been recognized by the government of Israel as autonomous bodies. These include some of the Orthodox and Catholic churches, Moslem groups, and the Bahai groups. No Protestant churches, however, have been granted this status yet.

Organist Hasn't Missed a Sunday for 60 Years

Ever since she began playing the organ at the age of 14, Mrs. John Sikes of Monroe, North Carolina, has been faithful to her duty. As organist of St. Luke's Lutheran Church, she hasn't missed a Sunday service at the console for 60 years. Recently she was honored for her long and faithful service.

FEBC Receives Gift Transmitter

The Far East Broadcasting Company, missionary corporation now operating nine radio stations in Manila, Philippines, has been given a 5,000-watt transmitter. Donor of the equipment was Charles L. Saunders, owner of KCLS, a radio station in Flagstaff, Arizona.

The transmitter, weighing some 17,000 pounds, has been transported to Los Angeles where it will be modified to include the latest refinements in radio engineering. When modifications are completed, it will be shipped to the Orient.

44,390 TEACHER-TRAINING CERTIFICATES ISSUED BY ASSEMBLIES OF GOD

The National Sunday School Department of the Assemblies of God has issued 44,390 teacher-training certificates for the eight-month period ending May 31, 1957. This is 1,583 more than for a similar period a year ago.

The training plan is designed to prepare lay members of local churches for Sunday School teaching and to help present teachers and workers. A textbook is prescribed each year for special course work. Perfect attendance during the course or passing a written examination is required for a certificate. National and regional leaders assist pastors in teaching a course of study each year to qualify local workers for the certificates.

Issuing more than 2,000 certificates each and ranking in the top seven districts of the Assemblies of God were: Oklahoma, 3,031; Arkansas 2,863; Southern Missouri, 2,572; Southern California, 2,367; Northern California and Nevada, 2,199; Northwest (Washington and Northern Idaho), 2,053; and North Texas, 2,013.

Billy Graham Preaches to Thousands in Wall Street

Evangelist Billy Graham, besides preaching nightly at Madison Square Garden during his New York Crusade, also went out into the streets of that metropolis to reach people where they were.

One afternoon he preached to a huge crowd in Harlem. On another occasion he preached to 7,000 people at the Mall in Central Park. He even went to the heart of the financial district on Wall Street one noon and preached to 12,000 persons. The crowd jammed four blocks in each direction to listen to the gospel songs of the choir and George Beverly Shea. Then Graham delivered a short sermon. He told the crowd, mostly men, that "you can make millions of dollars and not find God if you are separated by sin from Him who is the source of all peace and happiness." Hundreds raised their hands to indicate willingness to accept Christ as their personal Saviour.

Remarked Erling Olsen, head of a Wall Street Investment firm and a member of the executive committee of the New York Crusade: "I have walked these streets since 1920, and there have never been such songs as these here before."

Church Members Picket Liquor-Selling Groceries

In a spirit of "Christian love," some 250 members of seven Protestant churches in Fayetteville, North Carolina, picketed local grocery stores which sell beer or wine. A spokesman for the group said the action was "not a bitter protest." He pointed out, "As Christians and members of a free community, we have a right to be heard. We must voice our feelings." The group also presented petitions, signed by community residents, urging store owners to stop that phase of their business. The campaign was spearheaded by two Baptist ministers.

(Statistics show that over half of the beer and wine sold in this country is sold through grocery stores. Brewers realize the importance of this outlet and of "on the spot" sales. Since women do most of the buying of groceries, the brewers are striving to package their products more attractively to capture what one brewer blatantly called the "home market." Christians need to be more vocal in their protests to local groceries which sell beer and wine.)

Brewers Told, 'Encourage Employees to Drink'

Noting that beer sales failed to show any increase last year, *American Brewer* had this suggestion to offer to the liquor industry: "Make the serving of beer predominate at all industry events. . . . Each employee is a potential salesman, and all must be encouraged not only to drink beer but promote its usage among families and friends."

A cartoonist depicted what might happen to an employee called into a brewery president's office where he would hear his employer say, "You're looking better; your work has improved; but you've quit drinking. You're fired!"

Oklahoma United Drys Launch Prayer Crusade

United Drys of Oklahoma have launched a statewide prayer crusade to undergird their campaign for county option on the sale of beer. They expect the issue to be put to a statewide vote in November. About 200,000 church men and women will be asked to pledge themselves to pray every day until the special election is held. Fifteen denominations are represented in the executive group which is undertaking the prayer campaign.

Limited Drinking on Airlines Fails, Senator Claims

U. S. Senator Strom Thurmond (South Carolina) has asserted that the scheduled airlines' voluntary program for limited drinking aloft "appears to have broken down." The Senator said he would press for early hearings on his bill to ban the serving of liquor on commercial airliners.

The voluntary program limits passengers to two drinks. Trying to beat Congress to the punch, the airlines enacted it last year after the House had overwhelmingly approved a bill banning liquor aloft. But Senator Thurmond reported, "I have heard of many cases of unpleasant and potentially dangerous intoxication on airliners."

The president of the Airline Stewards and Stewardesses hailed the Senator's move. He said, "The airlines seem to have a tacit agreement to ignore the code," and added, "we have had many reports of stewardesses being disciplined for failure to serve enough liquor to meet airline quotas."

Public Health Service Warns Against Smoking

In a warning to Americans, the U.S. Public Health Service has declared: "There is an increasing and consistent body of evidence that excessive cigarette smoking is one of the causative factors in lung cancer . . . and there is a direct relationship between the incidence of lung cancer and the amount smoked." The PHS is implementing a program to bring related facts regarding smoking and cancer to public attention.

Defeat Released-Time Instruction in New Hampshire

After a heated debate, the New-Hampshire House defeated 216-112 a bill to authorize released-time religious instruction for the state's public school students. Proponents of the bill had contended it would not violate separation of church and state since it was merely "permissive" legislation. They also pointed out that 46 of the 48 states have similar bills.

CBMCI to Convene at Phoenix

More than 1,000 delegates from the U.S., Canada, Great Britain, Korea, Mexico, and other countries are expected to attend the 20th annual convention of Christian Business Men's Committee International at Phoenix, Arizona, on October 23-27.

Convention theme will be "Men of Vision." Five workshop sessions will discuss evangelism through administration, evangelism through meetings, evangelism through personal contact, evangelism through visual means, and evangelism through outside channels.

Indonesians Warned Against Rock 'n' Roll

Indonesia's President Sukarno warned recently that the rock 'n' roll craze "is bringing a moral crisis" to his country. He appealed to young people to remember their own culture. "Let us not forget the boundaries of decency," he said. (American rock 'n' roll dances have been banned in several Indonesian cities because cultural and religious groups consider them "degrading and immoral.")



CHAPLAIN BAPTIZES MARINES IN PHILIPPINE SEA—The United Fellowship of Protestants from all the Marine Camps on Okinawa held a "steak fry" on Sunday, May 12, at White Beach, Okinawa. Activities were under the direction of Assemblies of God Chaplain Stanford E. Linzey. About 85 men and their chaplains attended the gathering. Following the dinner Chaplain Linzey baptized five men in the Philippine Sea (shown above). Then a devotional period was held during which the chaplain spoke to the group on the subject, "The Positive Gospel." (Chaplain Linzey is second from the left in the photo.)

Persecuted for Their Testimony

According to *Missionary News Service*, two Spanish soldiers stationed in North Africa have reportedly been imprisoned for one month because they attended an evangelical church. They were charged with attending "unauthorized services."

In Madrid, another Spanish evangelical soldier reportedly is imprisoned and awaiting trial for refusing to kneel during a special mass in honor of the Spanish flag.

Legislation Recognizes Pope as Head of Foreign State

President Eisenhower signed into law a bill passed by Congress authorizing Representatives John W. McCormack (Massachusetts) and John J. Rooney (New York) to accept and wear the decoration of the Order of St. Gregory the Great, with star, conferred upon them by Pope Pius XII. The legislation was introduced in Congress to comply with a section of the Constitution which provides that no one holding federal office may, without the consent of Congress, accept "any present, emolument, office, or title of any kind whatsoever from any king, prince, or foreign state."

Thus, in enacting this legislation, the United States has recognized the sovereignty of the Vatican City of which the Pope is the temporal ruler. The legislation establishes a precedent that such papal awards are now considered as being made by the head of the foreign state.

Glenn Archer, Executive Director of Protestants and Others United for Separation of Church and State, has pointed out some of the consequences of the new law which will take place if our laws are enforced impartially: (1) Roman Catholic bishops in the U.S., who take an oath of fealty to the Pope, will have to register under the provision of the Foreign Agents Registration Act; (2) American prelates who serve the Vatican as ambassadors would forfeit their citizenship.

Dr. Archer points out that the State Department may get out of this dilemma by resorting to a double standard in applying American laws—"one standard where the Roman Catholic Church is involved, and another for the rest of us."

SPIRITUAL ENABLEMENT

Physical manifestations of the Holy Spirit in our lives may come only occasionally, but the spiritual enablement that comes through His presence is always present.

WE HAVE AN ENCOURAGING ACCOUNT concerning the ordination of the seventy elders who were appointed to assist Moses with his burdens. At the time of their being set apart, "the Spirit rested upon them, [and] they prophesied, and did not cease" (Numbers 11:25, Authorized Version).

What was my surprise recently, when reading in another version, to find the reading to be, "When the Spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did so no more."

These readings seem contradictory. Wishing to know which is correct, I first consulted the Pulpit Commentary; there I found that the revised reading was supported. I then turned to the American Standard Version and found the same reading.

As I meditated I saw how either version could lead to danger and harm if misunderstood. It would be a mistake to teach that the seventy became so filled with the Spirit that they could not desist their prophesying, and to infer from this that to be filled with the Spirit a person must "keep it going" and never stop producing spiritual manifestations.

It brings to my memory an account which I heard of a zealous pastor who encouraged his congregation to make all the noise they could, because the Scripture says, "When this was noised abroad, the multitude came together" (Acts 2:6). He meant well, but perhaps his zeal was greater than his knowledge. Manifestations are wonderful, but they must not be carried to excess, lest a person find himself "manifesting" after the Spirit has ceased to move.

On the other hand, it would be equally dangerous to teach that once a person received the infilling of the Spirit no further manifestations should be expected.

This reminds me of a summer when

some of us who were then young people held some meetings at a resort city. A young woman who was vacationing there came to the meetings and was sweetly saved. She hurried to take the glad tidings to her mother and met the following reply: "Don't get too enthusiastic, Daughter. I had such an experience when I was a girl, but you will soon find yourself settled down like Mother." The mother had not had a manifestation of God in her life as long as the daughter could remember.

However, I think there is a lesson here for us. Some fail to encourage any manifestations of the presence of God. They settle too fully back into a formal existence, assuming that all is well. Others form the mistaken opinion that unless there are constant manifestations a believer has lost favor with God. Their whole spiritual life is built upon, and judged by, the amount of outward manifestation they might see either in themselves or in others.

The prophetic manifestation ceased with the seventy elders, but the enablement for carrying out their calling, which came with the manifestation, remained. Although the outward exulting ceased, the Holy Spirit continued, providing ability for the work to which they had been called. As to their calling, they were to assist Moses in judging, in settling differences that might arise among the people, and in giving wise counsel. For this duty they had

BRING YOUR INSTRUMENT

If you are a musician, please bring your instrument to the General Council at Cleveland, Ohio, August 28 to September 3. An orchestra will be organized to play during the services and your help will be appreciated.



by Ernest S. Williams
Former General Superintendent
of the Assemblies of God

been anointed. Ability for this ministry remained when the prophetic manifestations had ceased.

The child of God cannot always live in vigorous manifestations, but can always be assured that the Holy Spirit is dwelling within. From His presence there may be derived at all times strength, guidance, wisdom, virtue, and every help that is needed. Sufficient for the day is the Holy Spirit, who has come to make our hearts His throne, our bodies His dwelling place. The Bible says, "The anointing which ye have received of Him *abideth* in you ..." (1 John 2:27).

We need fresh manifestations of power, but let us not make the mistake of thinking that God is in manifestations only. They are but means to an end. They come to assure us that God is in us and that He will never leave us nor forsake us. The just shall live by faith, not by outward observation or by feeling. Feelings we welcome; but faith we must have. Let us trust our faithful Lord to lead us by His Spirit until we see Him face to face.

Did Jesus not say the Holy Spirit would be "another Comforter"? That He would guide us into all truth? That He would take the things of Christ and reveal them unto us? And did He not say that when the Comforter was come He would abide with us *forever* (John 14:16)?

He abides with us today. He is here, within us, when trials come, when temptations are severe, when all about us appears dark, just as surely as when joy like a river fills our souls. ◀ ◀



Souls Saved and Blessed Through Revivaltime Literature

FROM MALVERN, ARKANSAS, A LADY wrote, "I wanted to tell you some of the results from distributing five of your little books. The first I gave to a young man and his wife in Sunday School. That night they returned to church and both were saved, and they are still walking with the Lord. The second was given to a Baptist man. He came back that night, thanked me, and said it was good. He had read it and laid it down, and his 14-year-old daughter found it and read it. She also prayed through and had her name put on the Assembly roll.

"I gave the next book to a backslider I visited that week. She was sick in bed when I gave it to her. After several visits she was healed and saved, and went back into her church. She asked prayer for her husband also to be saved. The fourth book was given to a young lady before service time. After I passed by she threw it aside. A young man in the next seat picked it up and read it during the service, and when the invitation was given he made his way down to the altar and prayed through.

"The last book was given to a young musician, who was backslidden and refused to obey God. The next Sunday

night he came back, happy in the Lord. God had reclaimed him while he read the book."

More than a million copies of REVIVALTIME books and sermons have been distributed since we went on the ABC Network in December 1953. This literature has had a great ministry as men and women have used it in witnessing to others. Many have been led to the Lord as they have read these messages, and others have found real inspiration and blessing.

Miss C. H. of Eugene, Oregon, says, "The book, 'Life's Greatest Question,' by C. M. Ward has been a real help to me to accept and believe in Christ. It has been so hard for me to believe, but this book makes the way so definite and plain."

Mr. W. S. of Wimauma, Florida, said, after reading REVIVALTIME literature, "I accepted Jesus Christ as my Saviour several years ago, but somehow the enemy has tried to make me doubt my salvation; but since reading the literature you sent me I have no more doubts in my mind as to being saved."

From Kingston, Jamaica, J. A. C. writes, "I received your booklets some time ago, and I think they are of real

value and interest to people who would like to accept the Lord as their Saviour. I intend to send them to some of my friends."

Another letter, from Mr. J. H. in Ft. Madison, Iowa, reads, "I received the three little booklets you sent me. I think they are wonderful. They caused a great stirring in my soul, and I received a refilling. How wonderful the supernatural power of God and His Holy Spirit is. I surely want to place these books in the hands of others."

L. H. of Braymer, Missouri, writes, "Here is what I am doing in Braymer to help the REVIVALTIME broadcast. There is a lady here who has what she calls a 'book mart.' So I take her the books I get from you, along with my *Evangelists*, and have them put on public display. I ask her not to put any charge on them. I myself pay her for keeping them on display and loaning them out to anyone who cares to read them."

Brother Ward's "Message and Instructions to Soul Winners" has also been a real help to many. After reading it, one pastor wrote for a large quantity to be given to those doing visitation work. He makes this statement, "I believe this is one of the best of its kind I've ever read."

From Pasadena, California, B. M. says, "Since I received your guide to soul winners, I have been able to talk to many persons at work whom I once feared to approach. I thank the Lord for helping me lead my close girl friend to Him. There are a small group of us who are Christians and gather for prayer on our morning break. We have been witnessing to folk, from the boss to the janitor."

Reports like these are inspirational and a real blessing. Every week our office sends hundreds of pieces of literature—sermons and sermon booklets—all over the world.

To further the effective ministry of this literature, we would urge you to stand with us in prayer. Because of your prayers some of those who are given this literature will be moved to accept Christ, and others also be strengthened. Mail a letter this week to REVIVALTIME, Box 70, SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI, saying you are praying for this great ministry. Others need help desperately. Join with REVIVALTIME in reaching them TODAY!

"I FOUND YOU"

BY ALTHEA S. MILLER

LITTLE MARK WAS LOST. HE HAD been with Sharon, but when Mother asked his whereabouts she answered, "I brought him to the house and then I went to play with Mimi."

Mother was thoroughly provoked with Sharon for not taking proper care of the little fellow. She said, "Get Paul Kent to help you, and go look around the church. I'll go down the street."

A thorough search of the immediate neighborhood failed to reveal the whereabouts of the two-year-old. Mother was beginning to feel a bit weak. Suppose someone had picked the little fellow up. So many horrible things happen to children today that Mother never feels satisfied unless they are all within the sound of her voice. Perhaps he started walking down the street and finally got so far from home he couldn't find his way back.

As Mother headed back to the house she raised her heart in prayer. "Dear Father, show me where to look for my baby. And please don't let anything happen to him."

At this point she reached the driveway where her eyes rested on the car in the garage. It was highly improbable that Mark could have reached the door handles, as high as they are; and yet she felt impelled to look in the car.

And there she found the little tow-head. Mixed emotions swept over her. She was so glad to see him safe that she wanted to hug him; but he'd given her such a scare she felt tempted to spank him! After looking all over the neighborhood she had found him at home in the car!

"You're a naughty b—," Mother started to say, when the little fellow put his arms around her neck and said with a sigh, "I found you, Mommie."

"You found me?" Mother questioned. "We've been hunting all over the neighborhood for you. Mommie missed you, Mark. You must not hide in the car again, Honey."

"All wight, Mommie. But I found you."

Mother gathered the boy up in her arms and thanked the Lord for find-

ing him. She couldn't help but smile at her little boy's words: "I found you." He had done no such thing, but rather had the family frantically hunting him. Yet his statement showed an awareness indeed of being lost and away from the family's care. He wasn't lost far away; he was just as close to home as the family car in the garage. But he was lost because the family didn't know where he was.

The stirrings of Mother's heart turned to the Scriptures as she thought of finding little Mark. His child's mind concluded he had found Mother although he had not made one step in that direction. Mother had sought him even as the Spirit of God seeks those

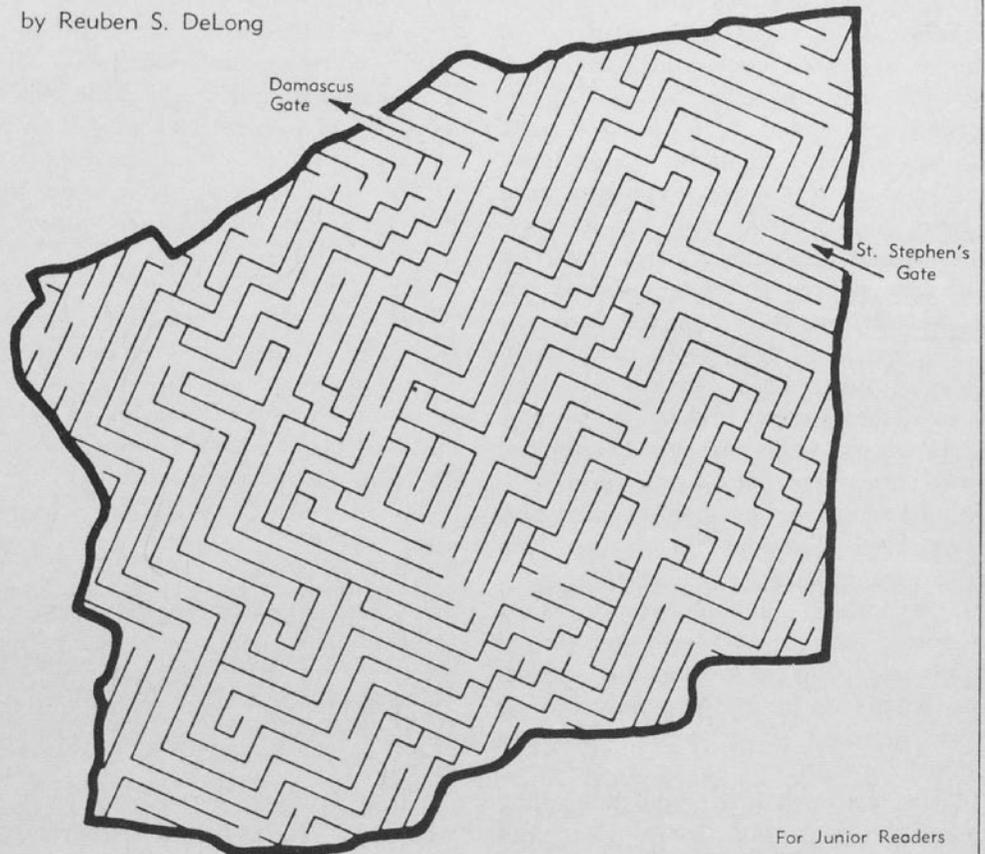
who will come to the Father by Jesus Christ. "For the Son of Man is come to seek and to save that which was lost" (Luke 19:10). Since all men are lost whether they be far from home or close by, that means Christ came to save all. He said to Israel: "I have redeemed thee, I have called thee by thy name; thou art mine" (Isa. 43:1).

How we are like little Mark. When our Saviour comes to us in our lost state seeking us out; when we feel His strong arms about us and sense the security there is in His presence, we look up in His face and say, "I've found you." And His father-heart is glad because we have. ◀◀

A VISIT TO JERUSALEM

This week we are going sight-seeing in the modern city of Jerusalem. We enter at the place called St. Stephen's Gate. Can you find your way through the city until you take your departure through the Damascus Gate? Trace the route with a pencil, but be sure you do not cross any lines.

by Reuben S. DeLong



For Junior Readers

FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD

We hear a good deal about the need of being "alone with God," and it is true that all of us could profit by spending longer and more frequent intervals in a closet of prayer.

But most of us are very busy. Homemakers find their time filled from early morning to late night, and it is well-nigh impossible to shut oneself in the bedroom and have a quiet time with God and His Word while the baby is crying and the older children are clamoring for attention.

While the children are asleep there is so much work to be done that a mother is too weary to spend much time in prayer at bedtime. As a result, most homemakers are defeated in "the battle for a quiet time."

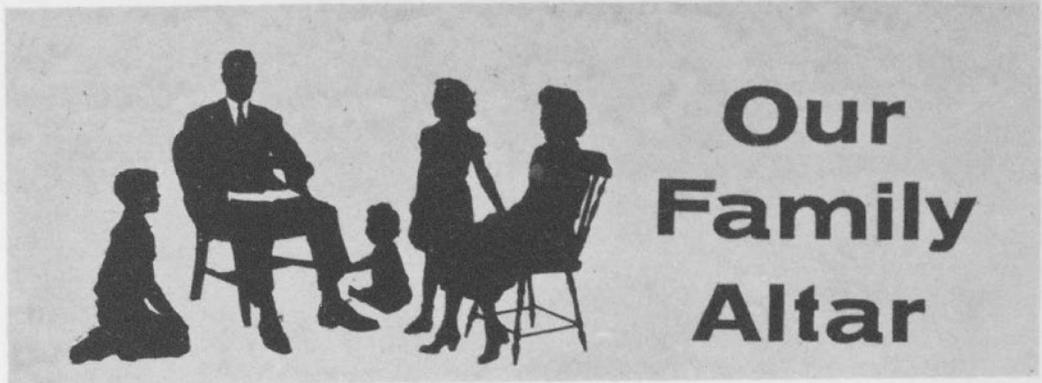
A busy life demands that one learn the secret of mixing unceasing prayer with unceasing labors. A mother must learn to lift her heart to God while sweeping the floor, and washing the dishes. It is possible to commune with the Lord while doing the ironing. Blessing and help can be gained by singing the praises of God while working.

Proper control of the radio is essential if one is to enjoy fellowship with the Lord through the day. When the gospel broadcast ends and a worldly program begins, it's time to shut the thing off. No one can hear God's voice while listening to popular music.

Some women write out verses of scripture and tack them up on the wall where they are working, so that they may read them and commit them to memory.

One busy mother said: "I read in my Bible, 'And thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father who is in secret.' But I had no closet, not even a corner where I could be alone, for my family is large and my house is small. But as I stood a few minutes waiting for a pan to boil, I said, 'O Lord, I have no closet,' then I seized the bottom of my big apron and threw it over my head said, 'I'm in, Lord.' And He spoke to me, for He was 'in' too. The pan did not boil over, and I learned how to have fellowship with my Lord at any hour of the day."

What comfort there is in knowing that we do not have to go through the labors and perplexities of the day alone!



Monday, August 19

Read: 1 John 1

Learn: "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9).

For the Parent: This passage gives (1) the Apostle's purpose in writing, vv. 3, 4; (2) his message, v. 5. If the Christian has true fellowship with God, he will walk in God's way, vv. 5, 7. This passage also tells us what to do if we sin, v. 9.

Question Time: What will happen if we confess our sins to God? (v. 9) Why did John write this epistle? (vv. 3, 4) What promise do we have if we walk in the light? (v. 7) What is meant by "walking in the light"?

Tuesday, August 20

Read: 1 John 2:1-14

Learn: "Hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments" (1 John 2:3).

For the Parent: Point out: (1) Christians should not continue in sin, but if they do sin, Christ stands ready to forgive, vv. 1, 2; (2) if we are truly God's servants, we will keep his commandments, vv. 3-6; (3) if a person hates his brother or sister (natural or spiritual), he is not truly abiding in God. Verse 14 gives a secret of spiritual strength—having God's Word abiding in us.

Question Time: How do we know there is forgiveness for the Christian who sins? (vv. 1, 2) How can we know we are in Christ? (v. 3) How can we be spiritually strong? (v. 14)

Wednesday, August 21

Read: 1 John 2:15-29

Learn: "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him" (1 John 2:15).

For the Parent: This passage gives a strong warning about becoming absorbed with the world and the things of the world. The Christian needs to remember that the things of the world will pass away; spiritual things are the most important. We should abide in Christ at all times.

Question Time: What will happen some day to the things of the world? (v. 17) Who has the promise of abiding forever? (v. 17) Why should we abide in Christ? (v. 28) What does verse 15 mean to you?

Our Family Altar

Thursday, August 22

Read: Daniel 2:1-5, 19-45

Learn: "But there is a God in heaven that revealeth secrets" (Daniel 2:28).

For the Parent: (Additional material on "A King's Vision of Empires" will be found on Sunday's Lesson page.) Review the story of Nebuchadnezzar's forgotten dream, his threat to kill all the wise men because they could not tell him about it, and God's revelation of it to Daniel. The interpretation of the dream reveals the course of world government up to the coming of Christ—"the stone cut without hands."

Question Time: Why did Nebuchadnezzar threaten to kill all the wise men? (v. 5) What was the king's dream and its interpretation?

Friday, August 23

Read: Romans 12:1-12; Ephesians 6:6 (Sunday's Lesson for Juniors)

Learn: "If any man serve me, him will my Father honor" (John 12:26).

For the Parent: Our love for God should be shown in our service to Him. This includes not only prayer and worship in churches and in private devotions, but also practical Christianity—doing deeds of kindness and thoughtfulness for others because we love God. We should present our entire beings to God to serve Him.

Question Time: How should we serve God? (Eph. 6:6) What promise is given to those who serve the Lord? (John 12:26) What does it mean to present our bodies to the Lord? (Romans 12:1) What does Romans 12:2 mean to you?

Saturday, August 24

Read: Joshua 10:5-15 (Sundays Lesson for Primaries)

Learn: "Ah Lord God! behold, thou hast made the heaven and the earth by thy great power . . . and there is nothing too hard for thee" (Jeremiah 32:17).

For the Parent: Review the account of how the Gibeonites deceived Israel, Joshua 9. Then point out how they were attacked by other Canaanites; how Israel came to their rescue; and how God fought for Israel, even causing the sun and moon to stand still. This God of great power will help us also.

Question Time: How had the Gibeonites deceived Israel? (Joshua 9:3-15) How did God help Israel win a victory?



ILLUSTRATED BY JOHN WEIDMAN

Mountain Atheist

A TRUE STORY BY ANNE SANDBERG

NO ORDINARY WOMAN WOULD HAVE dared drive that treacherous road up the mountain, unless she had little regard for her life. But a concern for the life of another impelled Miss Orland to get into her car and slowly wind up the road that skirted mountains on one side and then was suddenly cut off to give one a terrifying view of jagged rocks hundreds of feet below.

Janet Orland's evangelistic service had been interrupted by a breathless mountaineer rushing in and exclaiming:

"Preacher, thar's a woman up the mountain that's dyin'; yo' better hurry come see her 'for it's too late!"

Miss Orland and the man hurried into her old Ford and sped to the mountain. As she began the ascent that seemed almost perpendicular in places, the mountaineer warned:

"Yo' better let me take over from here on up. They's no woman ever drev up that road before."

They exchanged places and began the agonizingly slow drive up the tortuous road. When they finally reached

the top, the evangelist thanked her chauffeur and begged him to wait and drive her back later.

"That's the place," he said, pointing to a dilapidated cabin. "And them that lives there is the ungodliest family on the whole mountain."

Taking her Bible and guitar, the evangelist opened the loosely-hung door—almost losing courage at the sound of heart-rending groans and screams of pain. She was appalled as she quickly glanced about the squalid, unkempt room; but when she looked into a darkened corner, her eyes filled with tears of compassion.

There lay a woman in her middle twenties, in a deplorable condition. Blood came from her mouth, staining her clothing and bedding. Her pallid face was twisted in agony and her deep blue eyes filled with unspeakable wretchedness and fear. When she heard the stranger enter, she looked up and said roughly:

"Who are you?"

I am an evangelist; I came because—."

"Git out o' here!" screamed the young woman; "I don't believe in no God and want none o' yore religion."

"I'm sorry," the evangelist apologized; "but someone told me to come here to help a very sick person." Her gentle reply calmed the raging woman.

"What yo' got there?" she asked, pointing to Miss Orland's instrument.

"That's my guitar."

"Can yo' sing?"

"Yes, but I sing only gospel songs and don't know if you would care for that."

"Well, if that's all the better you can do, go ahead."

As the evangelist quietly sang a few hymns, a shadow of peace seemed to come over the pain-distorted face of the suffering woman. In the background, her mother and brother scowled their disapproval of the religious music.

After a few moments the young woman said: "I'm too sick to listen any more; yo' come back again tomorrow?"

"Yes, I will," Miss Orland promised. "And I'll be praying for you, dear." She kindly laid her hand on the hot

cheek of the woman and then walked out.

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Each day for several days the evangelist visited her, ministering to her only through carefully chosen songs. One day she was greeted with a question: "What did yo' do to me?"

"I don't know what you mean," the evangelist replied.

"I been havin' such awful bleedin' spells but I'm so much better now. What did yo' do?"

"I didn't do anything, dear. It was the God you don't believe in."

They were silent for a moment, and the evangelist became aware of the presence of the Lord.

"Jesus is here," she said; "He is in this room right now and wants to bless your soul."

The sick woman said nothing, but looked at her with mingled expressions of doubt and hope on her drawn countenance.

Then the evangelist began to minister to the needs that were so obviously requiring attention. She changed the filthy bedding, washed the blood-stained floor, and cleansed the room. The mother looked on sullenly and said with resentment:

"They ain't nothin' wrong with the looks o' this room; it's been good enuf 'fore you come along."

"Leave her alone, maw; she ain't a-harmin' no one. I feel more comfortable with that mess cleaned up." Later she timidly asked the evangelist: "Yo' be kind enough to read to me from that black book o' yourn, and say a prayer for a pore sinner?"

This was the moment for which the evangelist had been waiting. Opening her Bible, she read some Scriptures and explained the way of salvation as simply and clearly as to a child.

"No matter how you have sinned and turned Him away all these years, Jesus loves you, He died for you; He will gladly forgive you. See, it says in 1 John 1:9—'If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.'"

The deep blue eyes of the sick woman brightened with hope. "Oh, Miss Orland, I wisht I could believe them words. But it don't seem like the good Lord would want the likes o' me, after how I treated Him."

"Oh, but He does want you. The Bible says, 'Him that cometh unto me, I will in no wise cast out' (John 6:37). Won't you come to Him now?"

The sick woman shook her head, "I wisht I could believe; I wisht I could believe—."

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A few days later the mountaineer called the evangelist again. "She been askin' for you to please come quick. She's awful sick and won't last much longer. But I can't drive yo' up the road today because her brother is terrible mad."

With a prayer for help, the evangelist cautiously drove the car alone. Her heart sank as she looked down at the dizzying drop on one side, and she clung as closely to the mountainside as possible. When a loosened rock plummeted down, she broke into perspiration, but drove on with pounding heart.

"Help me, Lord Jesus; help me get to that needy soul," she prayed desperately.

When she finally reached the top, she was weak and trembling from the strain. She closed her eyes and thanked God for His help, then prayed for strength for the rest of the ordeal. When she opened her eyes again, she saw a tall, menacing figure blocking the doorway of the cabin. The shotgun he held and the scowl on his face warned her that he was in no mood to be trifled with. It was a tense, dangerous moment.

Frightened, but silently praying, Miss Orland got out of the car and firmly stepped forward. Enraged at her calm courage, he pushed the barrel of the gun toward her and said: "Git goin'."

From within, the dying woman cried: "Oh, Miss Orland, come quick; please won't yo' come!"

The evangelist thought, with desperation: "Here I am, with a soul in the cabin that needs God—and the devil in between. Lord, give me power to get through." With that, she took the barrel of the gun in both hands, pushed it aside and ran into the house.

"Oh, Miss Orland, I got to tell you something. Jesus has been here. Yesterday He came through the gate and walked into the house. He lifted His hands toward me and then disappeared." Her face was so entirely transformed, that the evangelist wept with joy.

"And now I believe," cried the dying woman. "I know I ain't gonna live. But He's takin' me to heaven to be with Him. And oh, I'm so happy! I'm so glad you came." By this time the brother had walked in and heard his

HOME MISSIONS ACTIVITIES AT GENERAL COUNCIL

Our movement is becoming increasingly aware of the significance of home missionary activity. In order to further acquaint those attending the coming General Council with this work, there will be a special home missions service on Friday night, August 30. R. J. Carlson, District Home Missions Representative, of the Northwest District will be the featured speaker.

A breakfast for all home missions representatives will be held on Wednesday morning, August 28, at 7:30 in the Cleveland Hotel.

At the home missions exhibit, representatives from the National Home Missions Department will be happy to meet those who are interested in any phase of home missions. Literature will be available on all special ministries and on church extension.

Architect Joseph Colombo, chairman of the Church Building and Planning Commission will be available for consultation with pioneer pastors who are interested in the Blueprint service now offered by the Home Missions Department.

The new book on home missions, MISSION U.S.A., will be on sale at the exhibit. As a public service, postage stamps will be sold at the exhibit and free souvenir picture postcards will be available to everyone.

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sister's words. She beckoned to him. "You'd do anything for me, wouldn't you?"

"Yes, I shore would," he replied.

"Then won't you come to Jesus too—right now?"

Sobbing, her brother fell on his knees at his sister's bedside and accepted Christ. The mother also stood by, with tears coursing down her cheeks, weeping over her sins for the first time in her life.

Smiling radiantly, the dying woman said: "Miss Orland, I'm a-goin' now to be with Jesus."

As the evangelist cautiously guided her car down the steep winding road, her heart was light. She was not worrying about her own safety; she was praising God because the mountain atheist was safe in the arms of Jesus.



Mr. and Mrs. Sturgeon (right) with school teacher and her mother

## BLESSINGS IN BERLIN

by F. A. and Inez Sturgeon

**T**HE SETTING IS THE BERLIN EVANGELISTIC Center established as the result of the Herman-Ruff evangelistic labors. Over five years of tent revivals thousands were saved and filled with the Holy Spirit. The work is now carried on in the former private theatre of Kaiser Wilhelm. It is a real revival center with hundreds being saved, filled and healed every month. There was a great need not only for evangelism but also for Bible teaching.

We were there for six weeks last August and September, and there were over 700 saved and more than a hundred filled with the Holy Spirit. At that time we were asked to return and conduct a Bible Course. This came to pass in March and April. For six weeks, three nights a week, we taught them—the other two nights we had evangelistic services. It was most precious—hundreds attended each night. Over 195 received diplomas and many others, certificates.

During the six weeks (twelve nights of evangelism) there were over 300 saved. On the last Sunday we baptized 100 in water.

We received a letter from a school-teacher in the East Zone who was saved

when we were in Berlin last August. She came every night to the Bible Course, traveling over an hour each way. Then she wrote the letter quoted below. It expressed completely what others also told us and we are giving it to you just as she wrote it. The sermon of which she speaks is one that was preached to them to tithe of their incomes, small as it is.

“My dear Sister and Brother Sturgeon:

“We was very glad to hear that you will come again to Berlin; for at last summer we have closed you in our hearts. My mother and I wished to go to Bible School in West Germany but it was impossible as we live in the Russian Zone. And one day our Lord send you, dear children of God. We think God is good to send you. We cannot say how thankful we are to the Lord and to you for all your love, unselfish pains and sacrifice. We admire your indefatigable patience, to bring us the gospel.

“Thirty years we were in Christian Science, and now we begin to study again. Every evening if we are coming to the Bible Course, we have the feeling to go to a wedding, and we are

not tired of the long way. But we just begin to understand the Bible. It has been a live book to us. We are so hungry for the Word of God and we have great desire to help other people who still grope in the darkness. And you have given us the armour, which we have need.

“We shall be very sorry, if you will leave us again. Will you not continue the Bible Course? We will learn more and more for you. O, if you stay with us always.

“I will tell you a wonderful testimony. Last summer we heard the message about fortune and prosperity from you, dear Brother Sturgeon. In the year of 1946 my wheel was stolen. In our residence it is so necessary to be a bicyclist, but it was impossible to me to buy another one. And so one Sunday I was meditating the whole day to give the tenth to the Lord. On this evening, it was harvest home, we went to a gospel meeting. On this night, unknown people gave me a good wheel. Hallelujah! First time I could not believe that this is mine. The Lord rewarded at once our obedience.

“You shall laugh about my many mistakes. I like so the English language and I wish to learn more.

“If you shall travel in the large world again then forget not us and pray for us. We shall keep alive the Word of God in our hearts, which you have taught us, that it will bear fruits. We are hoping that your way will lead to Berlin. God bless you plentifully.”

The mistakes in the English language, to which our friend referred, did not make us laugh. We rejoice over the sincere epistle and thank God for such precious fruit. ◀ ◀

Man in his natural state cannot be subjected to do the will of God. It would be easier for the apple tree to bring forth grapes, and the vine to bear figs, than for the unregenerated heart to feel the spirit of love and compassion that is so common in the life experience of those who have been born again.

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# MISSIONARY News Notes

## ON FURLOUGH

The following missionaries have recently come home on furlough:

Florence Steidel from Liberia. Her address at present is 1003 Summit Ave., New York 52, N. Y.

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Frivold and family from Japan. Their address is 816 E. 98 St., Seattle 15, Wash.

Mr. and Mrs. Magnus Udd from Nyasaland. Their address is Route 3, Box 229, Anacortes, Wash.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Lee and family from Nigeria. They are making their home at 200 Hillside Lane, Springhill, Ala.

Virginia Hamlin from North India. She can be reached at Route 5, Box 33, Battle Creek, Mich.

Mr. and Mrs. Sterling Stewart and children from El Salvador. Their address is 6937 Barton St., San Bernardino, Calif.

Gustave Kinderman from Europe. He can be reached at 160 Fifth Ave., Room 806, New York 10, N. Y.

Valborg Frandsen from North India. Her address is 721 Forest St., Hartford, Wis.

For the next few months A. I. Walker's address will be c/o Roy Stewart, P. O. Box 991, Las Cruces, New Mexico.

## RETURNED TO FIELD

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Phillips to Africa on June 26. Mr. Phillips is Field Secretary for Africa.

Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Stafford and daughter to Burma on July 8.

Mrs. Iva Gilbert to Hawaii late in June.

Louise David to Liberia on July 8.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Pugh and family to Uruguay on June 19.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Blakeney and children to North India on July 8.

Mr. and Mrs. L. M. McNutt and children to Togo Dahomey, West Africa, on July 3.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hall and family to Upper Volta, French West Africa, on July 6.

Word has reached us that the R. L. Godbey family arrived in Port Harcourt, Nigeria, after a very enjoyable voyage.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Jones to Haute Volta, French West Africa, on June 11.

## BIRTH

Richard Lawrence was born to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Johnston of Korea on May 5.



Mr. and Mrs. Mal Blakeney and family



Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Phillips



Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Stafford and daughter



Mrs. Iva Gilbert

Miss Louise Davis



Mr. and Mrs. Paul Pugh and family

# MONTHLY REPORT

## Foreign Missions Department

## CONTRIBUTIONS

June 1-21, 1957

|                                |             |                   |              |
|--------------------------------|-------------|-------------------|--------------|
| Alabama .....                  | \$ 1,526.29 | N. Texas .....    | 13,828.54    |
| Appalachian ..                 | 454.52      | Northwest ....    | 15,336.01    |
| Arizona .....                  | 1,024.44    | Ohio .....        | 5,632.66     |
| Arkansas .....                 | 3,261.61    | Oklahoma .....    | 8,603.15     |
| Eastern .....                  | 7,486.27    | Oregon .....      | 5,650.62     |
| Georgia .....                  | 1,262.83    | Polish Br. ....   | 20.00        |
| German Br. ....                | 720.89      | Potomac .....     | 4,395.19     |
| Greek Br. ....                 | 100.00      | Rocky Mtn. ....   | 5,989.68     |
| Hungarian Br. ..               | 171.00      | Russian Br. ....  | 13.46        |
| Illinois .....                 | 7,848.58    | S. Carolina ..... | 353.90       |
| Indiana .....                  | 3,266.61    | S. Dakota .....   | 1,630.86     |
| Italian Br. ....               | 69.13       | S. Florida .....  | 4,439.83     |
| Kansas .....                   | 6,631.89    | S. Texas .....    | 4,460.51     |
| Kentucky .....                 | 701.27      | S. California ..  | 16,801.72    |
| Lat. Amer. Br. ..              | 1,074.15    | S. Idaho .....    | 73.39        |
| Louisiana .....                | 2,535.62    | S. Missouri ..... | 6,018.50     |
| Michigan .....                 | 7,552.63    | Tennessee .....   | 1,624.91     |
| Minnesota .....                | 6,505.96    | Ukrainian Br. ..  | 106.56       |
| Mississippi .....              | 803.47      | W. Central .....  | 4,708.83     |
| Montana .....                  | 3,686.12    | W. Florida .....  | 935.62       |
| Nebraska .....                 | 1,647.41    | W. Texas .....    | 3,246.65     |
| New England .....              | 4,693.61    | Wis.-N. Mich. ..  | 4,193.73     |
| New Jersey .....               | 2,869.01    | Wyoming .....     | 529.91       |
| New Mexico .....               | 1,669.31    | Alaska .....      | 304.72       |
| New York .....                 | 6,358.22    | Canada .....      | 363.55       |
| N. Carolina .....              | 958.95      | Hawaii .....      | 114.56       |
| N. Dakota .....                | 1,880.10    | Foreign .....     | 100.00       |
| N. Calif. ....                 | 11,879.78   | Miscellaneous ..  | 2.00         |
| Total Amount Reported .....    |             |                   | \$198,118.73 |
| District Funds .....           | \$ 8,503.98 |                   |              |
| National Home Missions .....   | 1,985.07    |                   |              |
| Office expense .....           | 2,772.19    |                   |              |
| Given Direct to Missions ..... | 30,524.08   |                   | 43,785.32    |

Received for Council Missionaries .....\$154,333.41  
 Received for Non-Council Missionaries ..... 2,697.94  
 Offerings not Allocated to any State ..... 74,708.97

Total Amount Received .....\$231,740.32

## DISBURSEMENTS

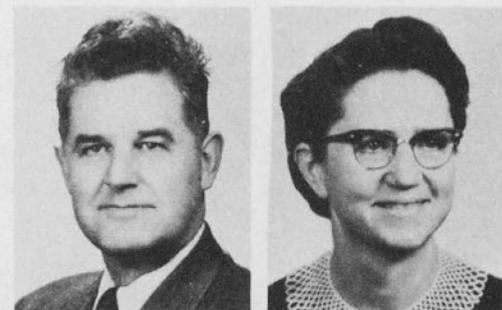
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| Support of Missionary Personnel ..... | \$121,685.35 |
| Missionary Equipment .....            | 53,444.12    |
| Missionary Work .....                 | 71,548.16    |
| National Workers Abroad .....         | 8,721.10     |
| Buildings on Foreign Lands .....      | 25,863.49    |
| Missionary Transportation .....       | 64,315.33    |

Transferred from "Hold" Accounts .....\$345,577.55  
 \$113,837.23

\$231,740.32



Mr. and Mrs. L. McNutt and family



Mr. and Mrs. John Hall



## A KING'S VISION OF EMPIRES

Sunday School Lesson for August 25, 1957

DANIEL 2:28-35, 44, 45

Nebuchadnezzar was king of the most powerful empire in the world. Yet he spent sleepless nights as he faced the question which troubles many men—"What does the future hold?" One night he had a dream which he felt was connected with his problem, but when he awoke, he had forgotten it! To make matters worse, his wise men and astrologers were powerless to help him! Hearing of the problem, Daniel volunteered to help. After enlisting the prayers of his three friends, Daniel received from God a vision and unfolding of the dream and its meaning.

### THE KING'S DREAM (vv. 27-35)

"Thou, O king, sawest, and behold, a great image." Nebuchadnezzar's image pictures a series of world empires which continue until the setting up of the kingdom of God upon earth. The time covered by these ruling empires is known as "the times of the Gentiles" (Luke 21:24); in other words, that period of time during which Israel and her land are ruled by Gentile powers. This period began when Nebuchadnezzar conquered Palestine and will end with the destruction of the Antichrist.

The head of gold represented the Babylonian Empire (v. 38); the breast and arms of silver represented the Medo-Persian Empire; the belly and thighs of brass represented the Grecian Empire; the legs of iron represented the Roman Empire; and the feet and ten toes (which were part iron and part clay) represented a federation of ten kingdoms which will arise in the future and which will be ruled by the Antichrist.

Observe the degree of deterioration in the image. Each kingdom is represented by a substance inferior to that of the preceding one. This is in accord with human history. Contrary to contentions of evolutionists and others, the tendency of human nature is downward. In spite of modern education, scientific achievement, and culture, the moral decline of man is unmistakable.

Observe, too, the strange mixture of clay and iron which represents the last kingdom. "They shall not cleave one to another," predicted Daniel. This suggests Antichrist's attempt to bring together the nations of the world in an artificial unity, the weakness of which will appear in the final test.

### THE COMING KINGDOM (vv. 44, 45).

"And in the day of these kings" (that is, in the days of the ten kings symbolized by the ten toes of the image) "shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed." These words, of course, could not have had fulfillment in any previous age, but plainly refer to the time when Christ shall return and set up His kingdom on earth.

"Forasmuch as thou sawest that the stone was cut out of the mountain without hands, and that it brake in

pieces the iron, the brass, the clay, the silver, and the gold." It is not stretching the symbolism of the vision to say that while the stone may represent God's coming kingdom in general, it may also represent Christ Himself, who, when He comes, will personally overthrow the Antichrist and his armies, who at that time will be gathered together at the Battle of Armageddon. See Revelation 19:11-21.

Thus Nebuchadnezzar was made aware of the fact that human and earthly kingdoms, however strong, are destined to crumble; that the Lord Jehovah is almighty; that "he removeth kings, and setteth up kings"; that man's efforts, at best, are perishable; and that only the divine is eternal.

And what are the abiding lessons for us? Let us live in the light of eternity. For, as one writer so strikingly declares, "The spiritual endures. Houses do not endure; they crumble: Flesh does not endure; it rots: Stars do not endure; their fires grow cold. Sin does not endure; it commits suicide. But conscience endures (though it be but as a torture), speaking of an eternal right. Ideals endure, the waving banners of our human pilgrimage, speaking of an eternal perfection. Jesus endures, haunting and redeeming the longings of the race. The spiritual endures!"

—J. Bashford Bishop

Prayer has changed the history of nations, the boundaries of empires, the order of men's lives, and the normal course of nature. When Daniel came to understand God's plan to terminate the chastisement of Jerusalem in seventy years, he gave himself to prayer. It is recorded in Daniel 9:3 that he humbled himself, and prayed, and confessed the sins of his people. It is through the prayers of His servants that God fulfills His prophecies and His promises.

## SECRET LETTERS



# Keep the Forward Look!

(Continued from page three)

do are before us and not behind us!

When I first became Pentecostal, almost fifty years ago, I saw that there would be a great revival yet to come. The freedom, joy, and glory that came to early Pentecost was wonderful; it was so much greater than Christians had ever experienced before, that they just rejoiced in it and didn't think much about the future, except to be ready for Jesus' coming. But I said, "No, there must be another outpouring of the Holy Spirit in greater power."

We have not yet seen the glory and power of the Early Church manifested, but I believe God will have a people when Christ comes who will exercise all the power they did, and perhaps even more. I don't believe God exhausted Himself back there! I think He has an almightiness in reserve that we have never witnessed, heard of, or known anything about; but by the grace and glory of God we shall! I predict that today's tide of revival will not fade away into quietness and death, like ordinary revivals, but will increase more and more until it sweeps around the world like a tidal wave and engulfs the whole world! God will yet bring in such a multitude of redeemed souls that the travailing soul of Jesus will be satisfied.

So we have the world to evangelize before Jesus can come! "That's impossible," you say. "The earth's population is increasing at the rate of forty million per year, and there are twice as many heathen in the world today as in the beginning!" But the reason you think it impossible is that you are not counting on God's almightiness. I am glad to believe, with many others, that God Almighty will see to it that the world is evangelized in this generation.

We must use every possible means of getting the gospel of Christ to this generation, that the world may be evangelized. The radio is the first line of attack that can be almost universal now. In every land there are plenty of radios. The Scripture tells us, "I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel

to preach." I believe that angel is a personification of radio. God, by means of radio, is sending forth the gospel of His Son in power and purity.

Then the next line of attack is to train native preachers—young men and women filled with the Spirit, instructed in the Word of God, zealous to glorify God, willing to preach to their own people. Well, there are hundreds of them at it now. And we purpose to increase their number and to send them forth. They can live practically as economically as the other natives do, on ten or fifteen dollars a month. They understand the character of their own people and know the right approach in presenting the gospel. I'm glad the Assemblies of God has more Bible schools in foreign lands than any other denomination, and I'm sure this is going to be a wonderful factor in the evangelization of the nations.

The third line of attack is to unite all evangelical Christianity to work together with the one purpose of bringing Jesus to the nations. "Oh," you say, "that's impossible!" Well, so many "impossible" things have happened in the late years of my life and yours that we don't use that word much anymore! All things are possible with God, and all things are possible to him that believeth.

Now, I don't think it's intended that in joining all Christian people we'll all belong to one church. I don't think they'll all come to the Assemblies of God churches! My thought is illustrated by an event in World War I. Britain, France, Belgium, and the United States all had their armies strung along the front line month after month—each army with its own commander. There was a stalemate; they were just holding the Germans and getting nowhere. Each army had its own commander. Finally, the nations had sense enough to put these armies all under one commander. When there was one plan, one will, and one commander for all these troops, Germany was soon on her knees.

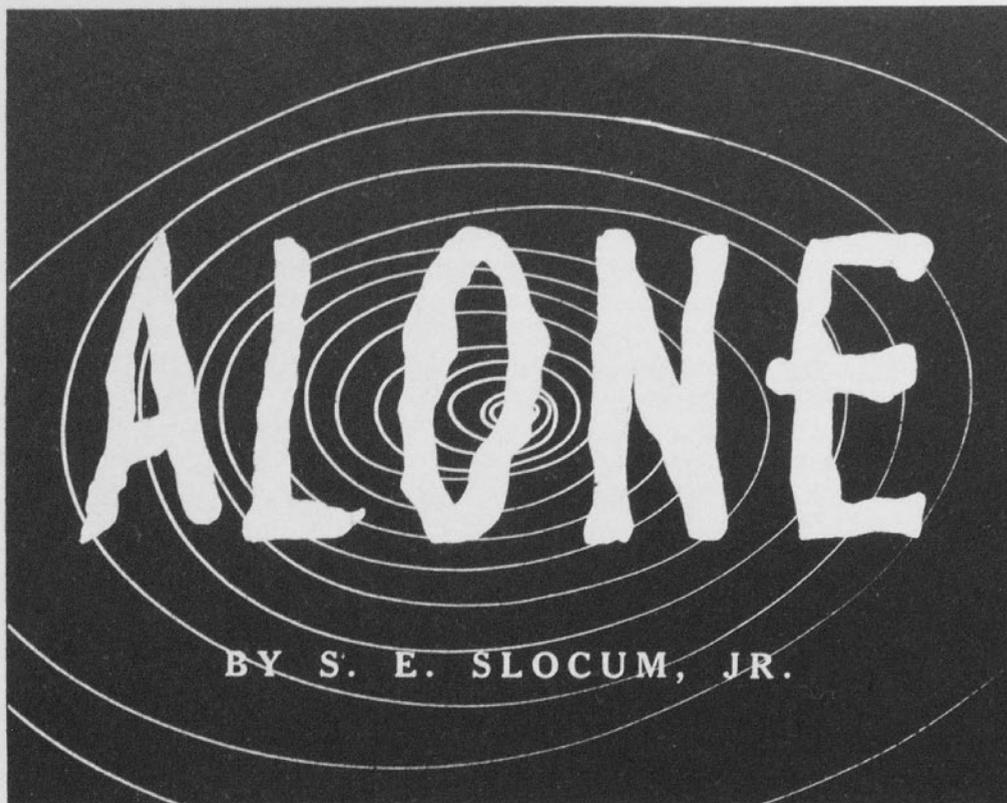
That can just as well happen in the evangelical Christian world. There is

no doubt in my mind that it will happen, for Jesus, before He went away, prayed that His followers might all be one, as He and the Father are one. I can't imagine my Lord uttering a prayer that would never be answered. When all the churches begin preaching Christ, instead of their denomination, we'll have a host of people of every kind under heaven filled with the Holy Spirit. And then they can agree and get together to be led by the Holy Spirit to preach the gospel to every creature no matter what the cost. I think all these things are coming to pass in this generation. I want to stay ready for it. I want to be watching for it.

I am trying to get you to have a forward look, and not a backward look. Let's look forward to great things, so that we will not be taken by surprise, but will be ready to take part in them.

We as Christians must go on; we must press forward. When a living thing reaches its peak of growth and development, from that day on it begins to die. I reached the day when my physical being was perfected, when my growth and development ceased; that day I began to age (die), slowly drifting away to eternity. So when I have reached a certain point in my development as a Christian and am satisfied with that, I cease to grow and begin to die. "Where there is no vision, the people perish." Vision is for things on before, for things not yet accomplished. Thus if you have lost your vision for the future you're a dying Christian, no matter what profession you make. So I urge you to face the realities of God. Put on your strength, O Zion, and put on your beautiful garments!

As a closing act of this generation, Jesus Christ, the King of kings and Lord of lords attended by His redeemed and a host of angels, shall issue forth from the halls of glory and down through the starlit corridors in the clouds of heaven. He shall come to earth, and with the brightness of His coming He shall destroy the beast and the false prophet and their armies. The kingdoms of this world shall become the kingdoms of our Lord and His Christ, and of His kingdom there shall be no end. The redeemed, with Christ, shall reign a thousand years upon the earth, and the redeemed ones and the angels shall sing forever, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men." The best is yet to come. Keep the forward look!



**Hell will be a lonely place. If you wish to avoid  
that place of everlasting  
darkness there is only one way of escape.**

**"I** DON'T CARE WHETHER I GO TO heaven or hell; I have friends in both places!" This was the stock reply of a certain engineer whenever anyone brought up the question of hell. Invariably it would produce a laugh, and it seemed to him a smart answer.

Certainly, friends are wonderful to have. Man, by his very nature, longs for the friendship and the companionship they provide. God himself established this truth when, at the very beginning, He said, "*It is not good that the man should be alone*" (Genesis 2:18). It is natural for each of us to crave friendship. Loneliness is the one thing we fear most, and anything seems bearable if only we will not be alone. In fact, the desire in us is so strong that even the dread of hell is greatly lessened if we can be sure that some of our friends will be there to share it with us.

The solemn fact, however, is that the Bible specifically rules out any such hope. While it promises wonderful fellowship among friends in heaven, the Bible pictures hell as a place of absolute darkness with no possible contact between individuals. In a chilling passage in the Book of Jude certain

men are condemned for denying the Lord Jesus Christ, and it is declared that for them "*is reserved the blackness of darkness for ever*" (Jude 13). The apostle Peter, warning against certain unrighteous men, says, "*These are wells without water, clouds that are carried with a tempest; to whom the mist of darkness is reserved for ever*" (2 Peter 2:17). The Lord Jesus Christ Himself starkly described hell as a place of lonely isolation in impenetrable darkness, for He pictures the destiny of those finally cast out from God's presence as being a place of "*outer darkness*" (Matthew 8:12; 22:13; 25:30). Certainly this is graphic and sobering language. Loneliness in this world is something from which we all shrink, and yet, bad as it may be, it is never so complete that all contact with others is eliminated. Even the loneliest person in this world can have some contact with other people by walking the street or by speaking to someone, if only to ask directions. Some contact is possible and yet no one will deny that it is miserable to be alone. But if this is true in this life, what will it be like to experience that loneliness of absolute separation from everyone else in hell?

The Bible teaches that the engineer was wrong. It *will* matter whether we go to heaven or hell! Furthermore, the Bible goes on to say that the choice lies with each of us personally. One's decision in this life determines his destiny in the next! The good news of the gospel is that God has provided a way of escape from loneliness, for the Bible tells us that although we all are sinners, "*God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us*" (Romans 5:8). For God "*hath made him [Christ] to be sin for us*" (2 Corinthians 5:21). The wonderful news of the gospel is that through His death, Jesus Christ, the Son of God, paid the penalty for your sin and for mine, and God is satisfied with the payment. The only question is: Are you satisfied? "*For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God*" (John 3:17, 18).

Are you lonely? Does your heart ache for companionship? Do you yearn for the friendship of others? If so, then you know that it is not good for man to be alone! You know that there is nothing so miserable as being lonely! Think, then, of what eternity will be like apart from anyone else. Think, and then settle that question right now. Choose the one way of escape that God has wonderfully provided in the gift of His Son. Trust Him as your Saviour and not only insure for yourself the joys of fellowship in heaven, but also the wonders of His living presence and fellowship here in this life.

Yes, it may be true that some of your friends will be in heaven and some in hell. The important question still is: Where will YOU be?

—*Courtesy American Tract Society, NYC.*

What if I say—"The Bible is God's Holy Word,

Complete, inspired, without a flaw"—

But let its pages stay unread from day to day,

And fail to learn therefrom God's holy law;

What if I go not there to seek the truth of which I glibly speak,

For guidance on this earthly way—

Does it matter what I say?

—*Covenanter Witness*

# The Unsung Member

BY JAMES E. ADAMS

IF PEOPLE OUGHT TO CHOOSE LIFE companions who have much the same tastes and temperament, then Tom and Ann made a mistake. Tom had ability—he was a Sunday School teacher and served as President of the Christ's Ambassadors. He was very affable and a good conversationalist. Ann was timid and retiring—just the opposite of Tom.

But the presence of God smooths the rough places, and these young folk were devoted, dedicated Christians. Even opposites in taste and temperament who include God in their lives will have a happier home than the most perfectly matched couple without Him. Dependence upon God makes the difference. And there was an Old Testament couple who are a case in point.

Seeing Elisha pass through Shunem from time to time, a "great woman" finally invited him to eat bread in her home whenever he was in town. She seemed to take the initiative in that home. After a while she asked her husband's permission to start her own little "WMC project"—to "make a little chamber . . . on the wall; and . . . set for him there a bed, and a table, and a stool, and a candlestick," so that Elisha would have a place to stay when he visited Shunem.

The husband voiced no complaint. He just got busy. If his wife wanted to work for God, he was going to do all he could to help her.

Elisha appreciated the woman's

thoughtfulness. He and his servant, Gehazi, discussed how to express their appreciation. She was well-to-do and had no particular need of temporal things. But she was barren. Elisha told Gehazi to call the Shunammite. When she stood before him he said, "About this season, according to the time of life, thou shalt embrace a son."

And so it was. Now if any man thinks this husband did not share in the reward of his wife's "WMC project" it is because he does not have a son. The proudest and happiest man in any town or time is the father of a new-born boy. Maybe fathers do not appreciate them as much as they should when they are tiny, but when that lad is big enough to get a little shovel and rake and help in the garden he is as precious as your right arm.

This child of promise was out in the field one day with his father. It was harvest season, and the sun was hot. He cried that his head hurt, and his father had a servant carry the lad to his mother. When a boy is sick, Mother is the one to help him. There he sat on his mother's knees until noon, and then he died.

She went up and placed her son on the prophet's bed, and called for her husband. She asked that he have one of the servants saddle an ass to take her to the prophet. He asked her why, but she said, "It shall be well." He had confidence in her; if she wanted to go it was all right with him.

Elisha came and prayed, and God restored the lad's life. Again I ask, "Who received the most reward, the great woman or the unheard and unsung husband?" They shared the joy and the reward.

And that thought of sharing alike brings us back to Tom and Ann. Twenty-two years passed, and they reared two sons. Tom was still the aggressive member of the household—deacon and teacher of the Men's Bible class. Ann was still too timid to do more than help in the WMC and the Beginners' Sunday School class. She thought her ministry was so small and unnoticed, while Tom had been a tower of strength to the assembly, and everyone, it seemed, thought well of him.

One evening they were alone. Ann was knitting; Tom was reading the evening paper. After a while Tom laid the newspaper aside (people who have lived together for twenty-two years learn to sense things) and he

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# The International Pentecostal Assemblies



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THE INTERNATIONAL PENTECOSTAL Assemblies is successor to two older groups: (1) The Association of Pentecostal Assemblies, founded in 1921 by Mrs. Elizabeth A. Sexton, her daughter, the late Dr. Hattie M. Barth, and Paul T. Barth; and (2) the National and International Pentecostal Missionary Union, founded in 1914 by Philip Wit-tich.

These two groups were founded in the days of the great outpouring of the Holy Ghost, when faith was strong and hunger for God's Word was most sincere. In 1936 the associations amalgamated under the name, International Pentecostal Assemblies, which has sought to follow in the same path.

The International Pentecostal Assemblies is a co-operative fellowship, dedicated to the task of carrying the full gospel to the ends of the earth.

It has been a member of the Pentecostal Fellowship of North America

*Each week the EVANGEL is featuring historical sketches of the various church bodies which comprise the membership of the Pentecostal Fellowship of North America. The accompanying article was written by L. Sigsbee Miller, General Secretary of the International Pentecostal Assemblies.*

*The annual convention of the PFNA will be in Calvary Temple, Seattle, Wash., October 29-31, 1957, beginning Tuesday night.*

asked, "What's wrong, Ann?"

"Why do you ask that?"

"Are you all right?" Tom was insistent.

Tears welled in Ann's eyes. "Oh, I'm all right. Just a bit nervous."

"Come on now, Honey. Out with it."

Then, between sobs, Ann told her secret of twenty-two years, the feelings hidden through their married life, things that never had occurred to Tom.

"Oh, Tom, God has blessed you.

from the beginning of that organization. It is also a member of the National Association of Evangelicals.

"The Bridegroom's Messenger" is the official organ of the International Pentecostal Assemblies. It began publication in 1907 in Atlanta, Georgia, and was edited by Dr. Hattie M. Barth until her death in 1956.

The Executive Board is made up of the following officers: J. A. Keiller, Chairman; Wm. M. Spencer, Vice-Chairman; L. Sigsbee Miller, Secretary; Beda Jacobson, Treasurer; Louise I. Arnold, Missionary Secretary; Walter Gravlin, National Field Representative; Edward McDonald, National Youth Director.

The general field is divided into regions, with regional directors appointed by the Executive Board upon recommendation of the regions.

The I.P.A. has two Bible Schools: (1) Beulah Heights Bible Institute, Atlanta, Georgia; and (2) William Carter Bible College and Evangelical Theological Seminary, Goldsboro, North Carolina.

While the organization is small, and the number of churches and ministers is relatively few, it is playing its part in the great Pentecostal revival that is sweeping the world today.

And you have been a blessing to our Assembly. You are still accomplishing things in life, but I have done nothing. Everyone thinks well of you. Very few people notice me."

Tom groaned. Ann didn't make scenes. She really felt this. "But Honey," he said, "your life has been successful. You've been wonderful. Our fine boys. Our home." And he meant it.

"That's expected of a wife and mother," she sobbed.

"You are doing what you can in

church work," Tom assured her.

Ann shook her head. So did Tom—he was baffled. And then an idea struck him. "Ann, you remember how at one time some of David's men were too weary to pursue the enemy, and they remained behind 'with the stuff.' And you know that David decided they would share alike with those who had gone to battle. You haven't stayed behind; you have been shoulder to shoulder with me in the work of the Lord. We've been closer and more united than David's soldiers. Shall not the Greater David reward us alike?"

Tom continued, "But if you think I have done so much and you have done nothing, just remember this: I feel as you do. I am just an unprofitable servant, doing what I should. But you say I am successful. That makes my cup run over. Your opinions mean so much to me. And I can't count the times you have cheered me up, when my spirits were low."

Ann was interested. "How many times have I had ideas that were not so good, ideas that proved to be unsuitable?" he asked. "But you listened just as patiently, whether the idea was good or bad. If I have accomplished anything for God, it's because you have been the tower of strength in this family. You backed me up with prayer and words of encouragement.

"Don't tell me you have done nothing," he went on. "If some day I hear Jesus say, 'Well done, good and faithful servant,' you will hear it, too. We will share and share alike."

Ann dried her tears. God had given her Tom the answer. The hidden burden of twenty-two years was gone.

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# A Holiness Preacher Testifies

BY ADA E. LEAR

**R**ECENTLY I RECEIVED THE BAPTISM of the Holy Ghost, after preaching in the Holiness Movement for twenty-five years. I am so thankful for this precious Bible experience which God gave me on June 7, 1957, while I was attending an Assemblies of God revival meeting at Bellevue, Kentucky.

When God filled me with His blessed Holy Spirit, I spoke in other tongues according to the Pentecostal pattern as recorded in the Book of Acts.

Formerly I professed to be filled with the Holy Ghost, and thought I was, but my heart was hungry for something better than I had. I claimed to have the experience of sanctification (a second definite work of grace) but I was never really satisfied until I received the Pentecostal experience this past June.

I was ordained twenty-three years ago. I pastored, and preached from coast to coast as a full-time evangelist. God blessed my ministry and saved souls in my meetings, but I felt a lack of the Power mentioned in Acts 1:8. I yearned for a fuller and richer ministry, but did not know where to find it until I came to the Pentecostal meetings.

I might have received this Scriptural experience sooner, but unfortunately I had been diligently taught against the Pentecostal Movement. I had been warned against speaking in tongues until I was so prejudiced I would not visit a Pentecostal church. But God convicted my hungry heart through my reading of the Scriptures, such as Acts 2:4; 1:8; 10:46; and 19:6.

The Lord impressed me to investigate the Assemblies of God. I found that the Baptism in the Holy Ghost is far more than sanctification. It was with fear and trembling that I came to the meetings, but there I found a wonderful sense of the presence and power of God. The hunger of my heart deepened, and I was assured by the

Spirit of God that this was the real Bible Pentecost.

I began seeking God earnestly, praying for the glorious Baptism in the Holy Spirit. God showed me that the reason I had never been baptized in the Spirit in previous years of seeking was that I had rejected part of the Scriptures, due to the erroneous teaching I had received; namely, that part which has to do with speaking in tongues.

But now I have learned the value of speaking in tongues. It is precious and sweet to my soul, and I have blessed communion with my Lord each day in my private devotions in this marvelous way. Thank God, the Comforter that Jesus promised has come! And since He has come to me, things have been so different. The past few weeks have been the most glorious in my life.

I had always wanted a witness to the Baptism in the Holy Ghost as clear and as definite as the evidence of my regeneration twenty-eight years ago when I was saved while attending Asbury College. But my teachers in the Holiness Movement told me I must not expect too much—I must take it by faith. But, hallelujah! when the Holy Ghost came and filled me on June 7, and I spoke in tongues, I knew He had come. The witness was clear.

For a good while my heart had been so burdened. I kept telling the Lord

how hungry I was, though I didn't really know what was missing. I was praying earnestly for the will of God for my life and ministry, and wanting to find a church that preached the Baptism in the Holy Ghost and was fully Scriptural on Divine Healing. (I was preaching and experiencing Divine Healing, but was handicapped in this ministry also where I was.) I am so thankful that God has baptized me in His Spirit and led me into the Pentecostal Movement. My earnest desire is to continue to fulfill the ministry to which He has called me, and to help others receive this glorious Baptism in the Holy Ghost, as well as to see sinners converted and the sick healed for the glory of God.

(Ed. Note: Sister Lear is now a minister in the Kentucky District of the Assemblies of God, and she is open for evangelistic calls. In addition to preaching, she plays the accordion and piano, and sings. Her address is: Ada E. Lear, 500 Grandview Avenue, Bellevue, Kentucky. Phone Hemlock 1-5991, Cincinnati, Ohio.)

## Man Waits Thirty-five Years to Go to Church

Marcos Jimenz of Colombia, South America, waited thirty-five years to attend a gospel service, but these years were not wasted. Marcos had his precious New Testament to give him the light of salvation. He had purchased the New Testament from an evangelical colporteur and he kept it wrapped in a newspaper or handkerchief. For thirty-five years he read the Word and waited for another messenger of the Lord to come.

Finally missionaries did come to a nearby village. Marcos attended the service and showed them his precious, well-worn New Testament. Here was fruit from seed planted thirty-five years earlier.

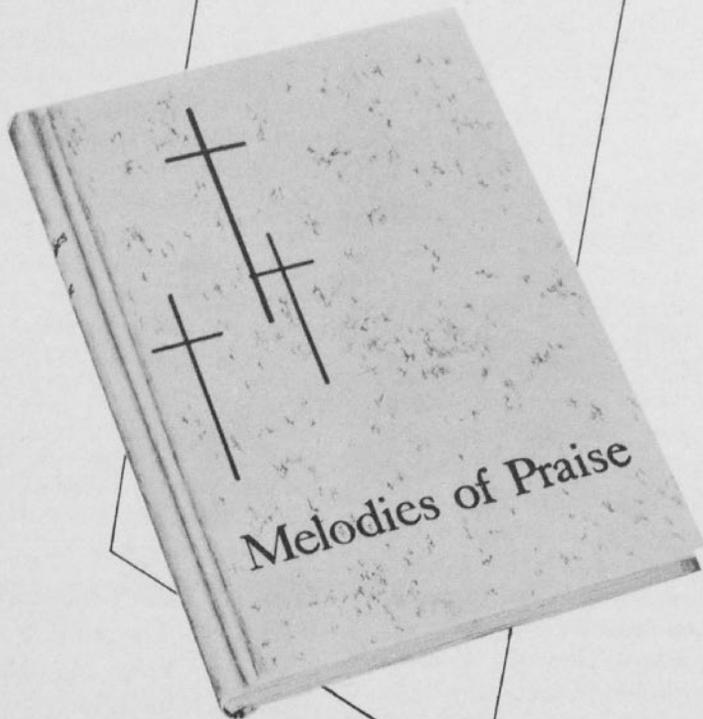
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Slides were projected on a screen to show events in his past life, such as churches in Arizona that he pastored at Sedona, Kingman, and Buckeye. Then he was reminded of his four years as Arizona District Superintendent and his ten years at San Bernardino. Pastor Miles Dawson, president of the local ministerial association, was among the guests. A number of Assemblies of God ministers were present, including B. Gilroy, J. K. Gressett, B. H. Russell, and C. L. Elmes.

In the ten years at San Bernardino a new church (valued at \$250,000) has been built, besides a new parsonage, and ground has just been broken for a large educational and fellowship building.

The missionary giving of the church has increased from \$3,000 to \$15,000 a year.

Gifts were presented to the Hauffs—a slide projector and luggage for the pastor and his wife, and savings bonds for their daughters, De Loris and Ilo Irene. A reception was held with over 400 members and guests present.

—Wm. A. Switzer, Church Secretary

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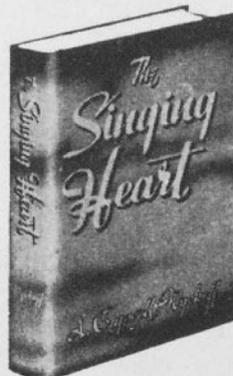
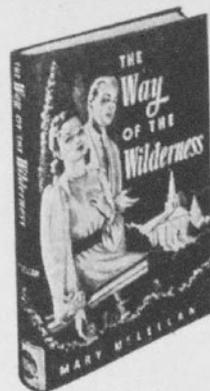
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## Greater Than Our Fears

BY MRS. EDNA M. DEVIN  
*Ambon, Indonesia*

**A**N AUSTRIAN JEW, STILL IN HIS TEENS, WAS LED TO Christ by zealous Presbyterian missionaries. His family thereafter would have nothing to do with him. They "buried" him, according to Jewish custom, and from that moment considered him "dead."

Broken-hearted, he fled from his homeland, going first to England, then to Australia. There Mr. Schwarz, years later, was filled with the Holy Ghost; and he has been a faithful witness for the Lord Jesus Christ during a long life of serving and giving.

After we missionaries had been bombed out during the war with Japan, we were taken into Mr. Schwarz's home in Australia, and we shall never forget the great love and kindness expended on us at that time. While in the home of this dear man I learned a lesson I shall never forget. He said something which has been a blessing to me upon many occasions, and I wish to pass it on to you.

We related the wonderful story of how we escaped capture by the enemy, when all natural hope was gone. We told how God gave us inner peace, even when enemy planes were dropping bombs over our heads and shrapnel was falling like rain around us. Mr. Schwarz listened as we told how we lived through those ten days of bombings without one of us being injured, and how God brought us safely through many dangers; then he said something that made an indelible impression on my mind and heart:

"Ah, but sister, GOD IS SO MUCH GREATER THAN OUR FEARS!"

Often in the course of our conversations about the missionary work and its future, in view of the war conditions, those words would fall from the lips of the aging man of God, true dew from heaven for my thirsty soul: "Ah, but sister, God is so much greater than our fears!"

The truth struck home. I realized that as long as I abode in God I need not fear. We read that fear is a lack of trust in His eternal greatness, a lack of love. The fear that the world knows can separate one from God, according to Revelation 21:8. The fear of outer darkness and what is coming upon the earth is causing the hearts of many to stop in this atomic age. And well might one fear outside of God.

How cleverly the enemy puts fear upon Christians these days. We become afraid of this, and afraid of that, yet in Christ we should be bold as lions, reassured by His promise of overcoming power. "Perfect love casteth out fear!" Are we short in love? Let us kneel once more and get that *first love* back again. **GOD IS SO MUCH GREATER THAN OUR FEARS.** Cast them all upon Him, for He careth for YOU!

How many times in my nineteen years of missionary work have I been compelled to think, "This instant I am meeting Him—I am going to die now." That thought did not bring fear—it brought great rejoicing that HE was so near, heaven so close.

I remember coming back after weeks away from my family, and when in sight of home it looked as though we would never be reunited again in this world. Our little boat was being dashed nearer and nearer the jagged rocks of the *tandjung*. Our motor had stalled. The deluge of tropical rain poured over us, a high wind raged, but my co-worker and myself began to praise the Lord and rejoice in Him. We began thanking Him because almost three hundred Islam souls had found the Saviour on that trip, and because our loved ones were all safe in Him. Afraid? No! We were filled with rejoicing. Within feet of certain death our motor pulsed again. God took us through to years of further service for Him.

**GOD IS SO MUCH GREATER THAN OUR FEARS!** He removes the fear of death. Greater than *whose* fears? Yours! Greater than any fear you may have. **HE IS GREATER,** friend.

If you are outside of Christ, **GOD IS SO MUCH GREATER THAN ALL YOUR FEARS.** He longs to take them; to cast them out of you; to fill your heart with His love. He wants to teach you to trust Him for everything. He yearns over you with a holy love, waiting to take your fear away, to fill you with joy.

The natural reaction of any normally healthy body is fear toward anything and everything which causes death, hurt or destruction. But in Christ Jesus the Lord we find that **GOD IS SO MUCH GREATER THAN OUR FEARS;** and even when our natural body has reacted instinctively in self-preservation, still God is greater than our fears. The more we love Him the less we fear.

I have been told by our nationals many times, "Oh, but you are different. You are not afraid." I love to leave this testimony, which I learned from dear Brother Schwarz, with them and with you: **GOD IS SO MUCH GREATER THAN OUR FEARS.**