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

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Despised and rejected of men. A man
CHAPTER 53
WHO hath believed our report?
and to whom is the arm of the
LORD revealed?
he shall grow up before him as
a plant, and as a root out of a
dry place; he hath no form nor com-
eliness; when we shall see him, there
shall we desire him, because he is
despised and rejected of men.

SING, O barren, thou that didst not travel
cry aloud, thou that didst not travel
child: for more are the children of the
than the children of the married
the LORD.
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with the curtains of thine
are not, lengthen thy
ngthen thy stakes;
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the left; and thy seed
to destroy.

15 together, shall gather together
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The Bible is the Miracle Book. The miraculous manner in which it has been preserved through the centuries has been demonstrated in our day by the discovery of very ancient scrolls in caves near the Dead Sea. The parchments are thought to be more than 2,000 years old. Here the late Professor E. L. Sukenik, director of the Museum of Antiquities at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, is shown deciphering a fragment of the Isaiah scroll.

Today Is Universal Bible Sunday

The Miracle Book

The Bible, God's great "Miracle Book," is still the Word of the Lord that liveth and abideth forever. As Robert G. Lee has said, "All the enemies of yesteryears and nowadays have not extinguished one spark of its holy fire, nor diluted one drop of its honey, nor torn one hole in its beautiful vesture, nor broken one string on its thousand-string harp, nor weakened its vitality by one pulse beat, nor shortened its march of triumph by one step. Today the Bible walks more bypaths and travels more highways and knocks at more doors and speaks to more people in their mother tongue than any other book this world has ever known, or ever will know."

It continues to be the world's Best Seller and last year there were more copies circulated throughout the world than ever before. The Missionary Research Library that is maintained by the National Council of Churches reported that 26,379,142 copies of the Scriptures were put in circulation. This included whole Bibles, Old Testaments, New Testaments, and other Portions. The figure was almost a million higher than the circulation for 1955.

If these figures are correct they mean that over half the Scriptures that were put in men's hands last year were produced by the American Bible Society. The remainder were produced by the Gideons, Pocket Testament League, Bible societies of other lands, private Bible publishers, etc.

Since 1816 the American Bible Society has been publishing God's Word without comment in many different languages. Last year alone it distributed 1,007,560 Bibles, 1,681,115 New Testaments, and 12,481,383 Gospels and other Portions, a total of 15,170,058 Scriptures. Nearly half of these went to sixty foreign lands. The printing was done in 193 different tongues.

The Bible appears in new languages each year, thanks to the Bible societies. It is now printed in 1109 tongues. Last year the American Bible Society published the first New Testaments in Kuskokwim Eskimo (for Alaska), in Navajo (for American Indians), and in Tzeltal (for Mexico). It continued work on five important revisions of whole Bibles, and examined manuscripts for translation in 72 additional languages. Our missionaries would be severely handicapped if the Bible Society did not supply them with copies of the Scriptures in the languages of the people to whom they are sent.

It costs over three million dollars a year to carry on the good work of the American Bible Society and this program deserves greater support from our Assemblies than it has been getting. Our contributions have diminished in recent years until last year there was only \$1,290 given to the Bible Society by all our Assemblies of God fellowship. In view of our extensive missionary work and our missionaries' need of the Scriptures, we hope our Assemblies will respond generously to the Bible Society's appeal for contributions on this Universal Bible Sunday. Kindly mark your offering "For the American Bible Society" and mail it to Noel Perkin, Executive Director of Foreign Missions, 434 West Pacific, Springfield, Missouri. Your church will receive credit for this missionary offering and the money will be forwarded to the Bible Society promptly.

It is heartening to know that the Scriptures are being placed in the hands of millions of new readers each year—people who have never had the Bible before. As a Loma tribesman in Liberia said, "Reading is what interested me in Christianity. If God's Word is on paper, you can read it and never forget it." Even so, when we realize how many millions still have never seen a copy of the Scriptures we echo the disciple's words, "What are they among so many?" Let us pray for miracles of divine grace that will multiply the Miracle Book so that millions more may read it and be converted.

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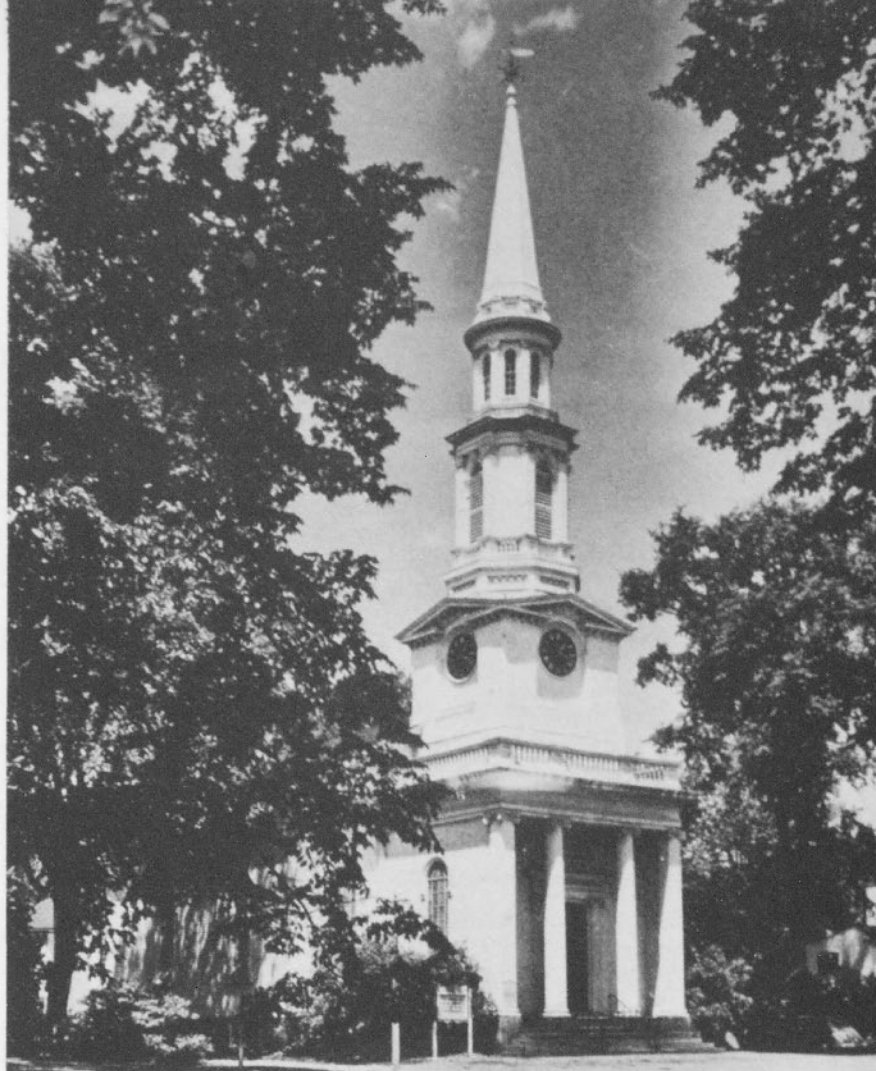
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THE BRUISED AND BLEEDING TRAVELER ON
THE ROAD TO JERICO NEEDED A REVIVAL
—AND A LONE SAMARITAN BROUGHT IT.

A Sure Formula for REVIVAL



IN THESE DAYS OF BACKSLIDING and apostasy the heart of every consecrated Christian cries out to God for revival. Especially concerned are we pastors who struggle to get the unchurched to our services and have done seemingly everything to maintain our attendance as well as our courage.

In order to stay in business a businessman must get new customers. Whenever a man thinks he has enough customers for a permanent business and just sits down on the job, watch out! Some customers are going to die, some will become disgruntled and leave, some

will not pay their accounts, others will move away—and soon the doors of the business will be closed. Likewise, if we are going to continue building churches for God we must have new customers.

But here is a word of encouragement—there are still many customers who have not been solicited as yet. In the world today there are more souls who need Christ than ever before. Sixty per cent of the American people are church members, but only 2% attend church on Sunday evenings! The population of our nation is a little over 170 million. Of this number more than one third, or 67 million people, have *no church affiliation!* Probably no more than half the 103 million church members are really born-again believers! This means that there are more than 100 million Americans yet without Christ, and all of these are good prospects for customers.

Three fifths of our nation are lost unless we find a sure formula for revival. How shall we reach them?

In the parable of the good Samaritan

I believe we have the answer. There are four things in this scripture that I would like to offer for your consideration, which, in my opinion, give us a sure formula for the revival that we need. See Luke 10:30-37.

GO TO THE SINNERS

“But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was . . . and *went to him*” (v. 33).

I think we have preached to empty pews or to congregations of only Christians long enough. Shall we take the example of the good Samaritan and go where the sinners are? In Luke 14:16-24 our Lord gives us a parable of the great supper that had been prepared. The invitation had gone out. Many refused to come, giving flimsy excuses, such as those that are given today. In order to prevent the embarrassment and humiliation of having just half a house full, the one who prepared this supper said, “Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled.” Friends, we are going to have to change our program and go where they are.

A missionary to Africa, Harold Lehman, gave this illustration in our church. He told us: “We are not

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BY E. R. FOSTER

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“Under the Blood”

GOD REQUIRES REPENTANCE AND CONFESSION BEFORE SINS CAN BE CLEANSED.

NO FLIPPANT MOUTHING OF A PHRASE WILL PUT THEM “UNDER THE BLOOD.”

IN THE EARLY DAYS OF THE PENTECOSTAL movement there was much use of the phrase, “under the Blood.” Some of the exhortations I received to “plead the Blood” perplexed me from the first.

Because of the truculent modernism of fifty years ago, with its blasphemous scorn of what it dubbed the “slaughterhouse religion” of the Evangelicals, one can well understand and appreciate the importance the Pentecostal movement felt compelled to put upon the precious blood of Christ in providing an atonement for our souls. But, like all protests, it tended to go too far. Some references to the “Blood” (seldom the “precious” Blood) became traditional and then superstitious rather than intelligent and reverent. For some this has become an error of regarding the “Blood” almost as a fetish.

In the early days of Pentecost we heard prayers to put the train, or car, or boat “under the Blood” before beginning a journey. We were told to put our houses and our persons “under the Blood.” We were charged to “plead the Blood” when meeting demon power. Other things, such as differences between fellow believers, that had imperilled the unity of the Spirit, were put “under the Blood.” Perhaps we need to ask ourselves what we mean by such statements.

First, we must understand the Scriptural revelation of the use and power of the blood of Christ. The Bible makes clear and simple statements. Christ is the “Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world” (John 1:29). The believer is redeemed by the precious blood of Christ in the sense of a price paid to set a captive free (1 Peter 1:18, 19).

There have been tendencies to dwell too much upon the actual physical blood of Jesus literally shed on the Cross, forgetting its power comes because “the life is in the blood.” It is because our Redeemer gave His life a ransom for many (Matthew 20:28) that we are saved. This is one reason why we rightly reject the doctrine of transubstantiation at the Lord’s table. We need no belief that by some act of magic the wine is turned literally into blood. Our faith and love remember the Son of God who gave His life for our sakes. The wine is a token of the love of One who gave His life, His very all, to provide an atonement for our sins.

The Old and New Testaments are inextricably interwoven in the revelation of God’s love to men. Christ is therefore described as our “Passover” (1 Corinthians 5:7). The reference is to the familiar story of the sprinkling of the blood of the passover lamb on the side posts and lintels of the Israelites’ houses on the night when they came out of Egypt. This is the typical basis for our phrase, “putting under the Blood” for safety. But a moment’s thought will make it clear that their protection was from the avenging angel of God’s wrath and judgment upon the Egyptians. Their protection thereafter, as redeemed people, was by the pillar of cloud and fire—by the “Angel of His Presence.”

Is there not confusion in some minds between the blood of Christ and the name of the Lord? It is in the name of the Lord Jesus that we humbly but boldly claim power over all the power of the enemy. It is by committing ourselves and all that concerns us to

the protecting care of our Heavenly Father by prayer in the name of the Lord Jesus that we seek the covering of the Almighty.

One further clarification seems called for in connection with holiness. Some of our favorite hymns in the earlier days of this Pentecostal revival were about being “under the Blood.” They can be rightly and wrongly applied.

Are people right when they talk about leaving angry differences with fellow believers “under the Blood”? The all-important truth to understand here is that God requires repentance and confession before the Blood avails for cleansing (1 John 1:7). If believers have trespassed against each other, their sins must be honestly admitted and hated. Airy talk about “leaving it all under the Blood,” without seeking to put it right, will not do. Before the sinner can be right with God and man, there is an action he must take. Confession is essential. God accepts a truly penitent heart, and his sins are forgiven for Christ’s sake (Ephesians 4:32). Faith tremblingly, yet exultingly, trusts the assurance of pardon because Christ has redeemed and so gives victory through His blood—victory over fear and over an accusing conscience.

The precious blood of Christ, however much we talk or sing or preach about it, can never be made an excuse for careless living. The redeemed are called to walk in the light, to walk circumspectly, to walk in the Spirit. In all our references to the Blood we need reverence and gratitude. We only dishonor the name of Christ when we speak superstitiously or flippantly about the precious blood of God’s Son by which He gave His life to save us.

FOXES ARE VERY SLY AND CUNNING, and are the most crafty of all the beasts of prey. They sneak into the vineyard and spoil the vines and the tender grapes. These "little foxes" are like "little sins" that creep into God's vineyard, and work untold havoc. What are some of these "little foxes" or "little sins" that spoil the vineyard? We will mention only three.

SELFISHNESS

This nasty "little fox" is not concerned about others. It lives for itself, and disregards everybody else. Someone has said, "Self will permit the believer to do anything, sacrifice anything, suffer anything, be anything, go anywhere, take any liberties, bear any crosses, afflict soul and body to any degree—anything if it can only live. . . . It will permit any number of rivals so long as it can be promised first place."

This "little fox" can be very religious. It feeds on self-praise. Self says, "When I preached, the people were spell-bound and souls came to the altar." "When I prayed, the glory fell and the revival came." "When I testified, the saints began to shout."

Someone has given the following fable: "A mouse and an elephant walked side by side over a small wooden bridge. After they had crossed it the mouse said to the elephant, 'We sure did shake that thing, didn't we?'"

Self robs God of His honor and puts the crown of glory on its own head. It prays to be heard, gives to be seen, and seeks the praise of man. It must be put to death. Jesus said to His disciples, "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me" (Matthew 16:24). Paul says, "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me."

GOSSIP

This is the second "little fox" we wish to mention.

"Thou shalt not go up and down as a talebearer among thy people" (Leviticus 19:16). "But shun profane and vain babblings: for they will increase unto more ungodliness" (2 Timothy 2:16). "And withal they learn to be idle, wandering about from house to house; and not only idle, but tattlers also and busybodies, speaking things which they ought not" (1 Timothy 5:13). This sly "little fox" stirs up trouble wherever it goes. It slanders,

3 LITTLE FOXES

BY S. J. GRABILL

"TAKE US THE FOXES, THE LITTLE FOXES,
THAT SPOIL THE VINES: FOR OUR
VINES HAVE TENDER GRAPES" (S. of Solomon 2:15)

criticizes and finds fault with everything and everybody. Through its deadly work, churches have been wrecked, ministers have been driven from their pulpits, homes have been broken up, friends have been separated, and the fruitful gardens have been turned into desert places.

Dr. A. B. Simpson said: "Rather would I play with the forked lightning, or take in my hand a living wire, with its fiery current, than speak a reckless word against any servant of Christ, or idly repeat the slanderous darts which thousands of Christians are hurling on others, to the hurt of their own souls and bodies."

James tells us that "the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity." "Behold, how great a matter a little fire kindleth!" James Bolton says, "Some years ago, I saw the black ashes of what the night before was a cheerful farmyard, with its hayricks, corn stacks, stables, and cowsheds; and lying upon them were the carcasses of a number of miserable horses and bullocks, which had perished in the flames. All that was done by a match!" The unsanctified tongue is like a fire! Someone has said, "Half the lawsuits and half the wars have been brought about by the tongue."

"Keep thy tongue from evil, and thy lips from speaking guile" (Psalm 34:13).

JEALOUSY

This is the third and last "little fox" we wish to mention. It is a vicious "fox" having no mercy on its victim. "Jealousy is cruel as the grave; the coals thereof are coals of fire, which hath a most vehement flame" (Song of Solomon 8:6).

Someone has said, "Jealousy usually speaks in a whisper. Her tones are confidential. Few suspicion her. She insidiously thrusts her long tongue through the heart of her victim in such a sanctimonious manner that even some saints deem her to be but valiant for the cause of right."

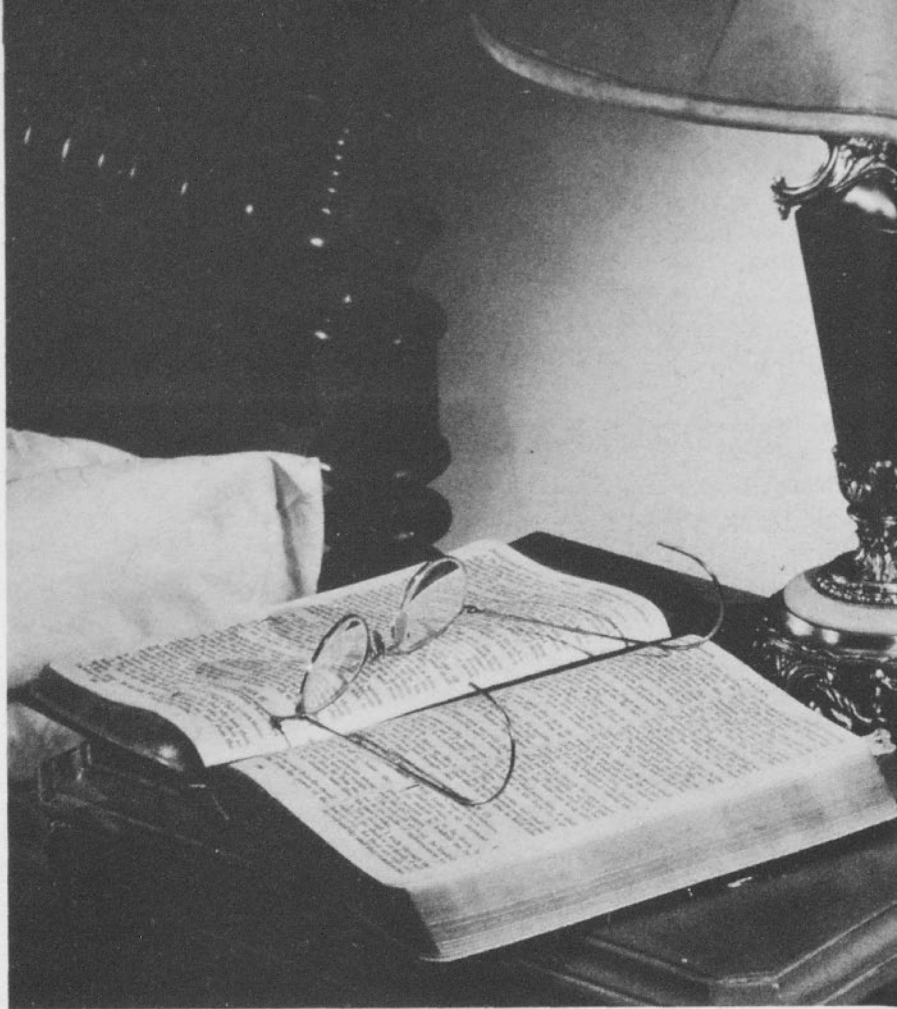
Another writer says, "Jealousy makes a target of the highest and best. Its shafts are ever aimed upwards, at whatever happens to be superior to itself. Unable to rise above the waters of quagmire in which it lies, it seeks to bring all others down to its level of accomplishment, or mars what it cannot make and pulls down what it cannot rebuild."

Jealously turned Lucifer into Satan; angels into demons; made Cain a murderer; threw a javelin at David; sought to hang Mordecai on the gallows; threw Daniel into the lion's den, and three Hebrew youths into the fiery furnace; destroyed nations; dethroned kings; persecuted and killed the prophets; caused Herod to slay thousands of

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Raymond L. Cox Asks—

what's in your Bible?



—Photo by A. Devaney

YOU MAY BE SURPRISED AT THE TREASURES HIDDEN BETWEEN ITS PAGES. THERE IS NO HUMAN NEED OF THE SPIRIT THAT CANNOT BE SATISFIED IN THE READING OF THIS OLD BOOK.

EVERY HOME IN OUR COMMUNITY ought to have a Bible. Let us conduct a house-to-house survey to ascertain how many households contain copies of God's Word. And then let us present a Bible to every family found without the Scriptures."

The speaker, addressing a local Bible Society in Scotland, sat down. Others applauded his idea, and a resolution was immediately adopted to implement his proposals.

In the course of the canvass, two men went to the home of an elderly widow. When questioned as to whether she had a Bible, the woman indignantly replied, "Do you suppose we are heathens in this house? Of course we have a Bible!"

The visitors began to stammer an explanation, but the aroused lady interrupted. "Lassie," she called to her granddaughter seated nearby, "fetch me the Bible. We'll show these gentlemen that I have a Bible here, a very good Bible."

The granddaughter quickly returned,

carrying a bulky volume which she placed on the table.

"There, see? I do have a Bible," purred the vindicated woman proudly. "Does that convince you that we're not heathens?"

The visitors eyed the volume. They noticed the girl's fingerprints silhouetted on the cover, and the book sat open almost an inch because of something between its pages.

"Do you read this Bible often?" one of the men asked as he flipped open the pages.

The widow's affirmative answer was smothered in her throat as she spied a pair of spectacles which had been hidden between the Bible's pages.

"Why grandmother," exclaimed the young lassie excitedly, "there are the glasses you lost three years ago!"

The widow's cheeks turned crimson. The visitors braced themselves for an explosive scene. But suddenly the woman's expression mellowed.

"I really must thank you for questioning me," she told the men humbly. "Because of you I've found my spec-

tacles. I'm really glad you came today."

The canvassers had little difficulty convincing the woman that she had missed much more than the use of her glasses during the previous three years. Before they departed, the widow had resolved to read the Word of God regularly.

Few families in this nation are destitute of copies of the Scriptures. But the mere presence of an unused Bible represents a rather dubious benefit to the home. It is not the *ownership* but the *use* of God's Word which makes it profitable to its possessors. It is an insult to God's Word, which He has exalted even above His name (Psalm 138:2), to relegate it to being merely a decoration or a filing case for small items which a person does not desire to have disturbed.

During the early 1930's, the world was shocked by accounts of wholesale starvation in Russia when abundant rations were withheld from hungry peasants. How much more pitiful is the famine for spiritual food in America. Enough Bibles exist in this country to furnish adequate spiritual sustenance to starving souls. But so many will not eat. They have their Bibles, but neglect the nourishment God's Word can provide. Even among those professing to be religious this malnutrition is evident.

Fortunately, the cure for such conditions is readily evident once the victim recognizes his diet deficiency. The person who misses the benefits which accrue from giving careful attention to God's Word needs only to study the Scriptures again to experience the beginning of an avalanche of blessings.

God has given us His Word as a Guidebook. He intends that it be used. It deserves pre-eminence in our attention and appreciation. Man dishonors the Bible when he prefers other reading to its sacred story. Even books dealing with one's business assume an illegitimate position when they are studied to the neglect of the Scriptures.

John Eliot, a clergyman in colonial America, visited a merchant in his office. He noticed that the man's Bible and other devotional literature rested on a remote shelf, while his books of business, giving evidence of constant use, were arranged conspicuously on his desk.

"Sir, here is earth on the table," diagnosed Eliot, "and heaven on the shelf. Please don't think so much of the table as to forget altogether the shelf!"

Since eternity in heaven is of much greater consequence than our life on earth, how we need to re-evaluate our reading habits!

How long has it been since your Bible was last opened? Quite likely it is much more recent than had been the volume which concealed the widow's spectacles. Perhaps it even accompanies you to church every week.

But has it been opened today? And how often is it diligently studied? Not every Bible contains such a tangible treasure as a pair of spectacles, but every copy does relate how lost sinners can come into a right relationship with God. Every Bible also contains an exhaustive catalogue of benefits for the believer who appropriates its promises by faith. The value of earnest, careful attention to the Scriptures cannot be exaggerated.

At all costs a Christian ought to avoid the tragedy which overtook the celebrated French scholar, Salmatius. He did not discover the true treasure of the Bible until his life was ebbing away. When he awakened to an appreciation of the Book's benefits, it was too late to exploit its divine resources. On his deathbed he lamented his neglect of the Scriptures. "Oh! I have lost the world of time!—time, that most precious thing in the world—

whereof had I but one year now, it should be spent in David's psalms or Paul's epistles."

While a man has time, he ought to discover by personal investigation the wonders of God's Word.

What's in your Bible?

Probably that volume does not contain missing spectacles. But it abounds with heaven-sent treasures. Your possession of these awaits only your active attention to its promises and precepts.

Thy Word

Thy word is like a garden, Lord,
With flowers bright and fair,
And everyone who seeks may pluck
A lovely cluster there.

Thy word is like a starry host,
A thousand rays of light
Are seen, to guide the traveler
And make his pathway bright.

Thy word is like a glorious choir
And loud its anthems ring;
Though many tongues and parts
unite,
It is one song they sing.

Thy word is like an armory,
Where soldiers may repair,
And find for life's long battle-day,
All needful weapons there.

O may we find our armor there,
Thy word our trusty sword,
And learn to fight with every foe
The battle of our Lord.

—Dickinson

The Bible Lives!

The Bible is read today because it is worth reading. The reason 800 books out of 1000 are forgotten in one year is because there is so little worth remembering. One half of one per cent survive seven years. But the Bible lives because it is God's Book. It lives because it is so simple and yet profound. It is at home in the child's nursery or in the philosopher's study. Show me the man who claims to have outgrown the Bible and I will show a man who is very ignorant of its teachings. As well might the birds claim to have exhausted the atmosphere or the fish the ocean! It has been burned, criticised and betrayed, yet it lives. Man has not let the Bible alone because it has not let him alone. It has been hated and loved as no other book. It will live as long as man desires to know and have fellowship with God. It will live wherever a soul wishes to know and live the truth; so long as one sinner seeks forgiveness, or humanity looks beyond the veil.

As a chemist uses the test tube, as the astronomer uses the telescope, as the scientist uses his laboratory, so use the Bible. Test it. What it tells you to do, do it. Test it in the hour of loneliness in the soul; test it in the days of suffering; test it and trust it like a myriad of others who in this life and in the valley of the shadow of death have grasped its truth with confidence, and you will live and die a better man.

—Watchman Examiner

"How Readest Thou?"

"How readest thou?" That is an all-important question. The Pharisees were among the most assiduous readers of the Holy Scriptures, but the question of all questions to these men and to us is, "How readest thou?" Not what or why, but *how*.

Our Lord urged this upon His hearers. When answering the chief priests, scribes, and elders He said, "Have you not read?" When speaking to the Pharisees He pressed home their responsibility, saying, "These things ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone."

Can we who hold in our hands the complete revelation of God, who possess the Word of life, love and liberty, expect to be excused from obedience to its precepts? This sacred volume says: "Pray ye." How readest thou? "Give ye." How readest thou? "Go ye." How readest thou? It is as personal as our salvation!

—Selected

Influence

IT IS NOT THE NUMBER OF WORDS
OR THE PHYSICAL EXERTIONS
WE PUT IN OUR PRAYERS, BUT THE
QUALITY OF FAITH WE EXPRESS TO GOD

BY ETHEL L. TENNEY

RECENTLY OUR PASTOR READ A PORTION from the eighteenth chapter of First Kings. When he read the twenty-first verse, the last phrase stood out in my mind. Elijah questioned the people, saying, "How long halt ye between two opinions? if the Lord be God, follow him: but if Baal, then follow him." We then read this simple but significant statement, "And the people answered him not a word."

How many times we have been in the midst of a discussion, and because we didn't speak, we thought we had no part in it. But in this familiar story we find the very next words of Elijah revealing how the silence of the people made him feel alone. No one stood with him. None made known that they were on the Lord's side. They hadn't committed themselves by speaking, but oh, the power in that hush that followed his question. Elijah then cried out: "I, even I only, remain a prophet of the Lord."

Oh, the tremendous and unending power of influence. We can change the thinking and the very lives of others by a look, a word, or even our silence.

Who cannot recall a prayer meeting where the pastor has said, "Now we'll have some testimonies." No one speaks so he calls for a song. Maybe there is a testimony. Then to break another period of silence he calls for a chorus. Few respond to the invitation to testify. The pastor's hands are weakened. He fights discouragement—not because any word was said against him, but because when he called for witnesses, so few answered. Who can tell the far-reaching effects of that silence?

Word have power to lift and bless or to bring dismay and defeat. Silence may also help or hurt. From every life there emanates a powerful influence

whether any word is spoken or not.

I have stood in the presence of one whose life was deeply consecrated. The very atmosphere seemed made for prayer. I hungered after righteousness. This person had partaken of the Divine nature, and I could never be the same after that brief time of fellowship.

A young preacher has related the story of a little old lady whose saintly life made an idelible impression upon him. He said: "At the time I first met her, I was discouraged with my own inability, sorely tempted because of the indifference on the part of some church members and actual opposition from others. But this little saint with her smiling face, twinkling eyes, pleasant voice, and hearty handshake lifted me miles out of myself. I was young and inexperienced. As I recall my feeble efforts in preaching, I feel sorry for those who had to listen to me. But no one could detect by her attitude or words that I was less than the best.

"Her spirit was contagious. She helped everyone she knew. She 'made friends and influenced people' wherever she went. She never missed a church service unless she was ill. The weather was never bad enough to keep her from God's house.

"She lived in an attitude of victory and expectancy at all times. It seemed that nothing could defeat her.

"One Sunday evening she testified publicly, inspiring the entire congregation, so that many were in tears. That very night God took her home to be

with Himself. Her funeral was the largest ever held in that town.

"The banker in that town (a member of another denomination) gave \$2,000 to help rebuild our church. He said, 'Any church with a member like that dear old lady deserves my support.' This is the story he told me:

"When he and his family moved to town 25 years previous to the time I was there, this saintly lady had called at their home. She quickly made their acquaintance and told the simple story of Jesus and His power to save. She prayed for each member of the family—father, mother, and four children. As she left she said, 'Goodbye. Remember I'm going to be praying for each of you. If you just knew Jesus, you could be truly happy.'

"Her testimony was felt not only by the banker's family, but in the bank and in all business places and homes for miles around. Everyone respected her because her life was a living witness of her testimony.

"Perhaps someone is saying, 'If I had money, a good home, a few talents, and plenty of time, I, too, could be a happy, victorious, influential Christian.' Let us look at this woman's circumstances. Her husband became a Christian only at the end of his life. He was never successful at making a living. They lived in a two-room hut with scarcely any furniture. When he died, all he left her was debts. She took in

washings to pay his burial expenses and to pay off the debts. Her only son was a drunkard who stole from his mother's small earnings. She had never finished elementary school. She had no unusual talent. She had no money, no good home. For years she was cursed and slandered in the home because of her stand for Christ. Yet she lived victoriously and abundantly in Christ.

"Heaven is richer today because she is there. My life and ministry are richer because of having known her. Many other lives were enriched and blessed

THE DIFFERENCE

Drop an unkind word or careless—
Just a flash, and it is gone,
But a half a hundred ripples
Go a-circling on and on;
They keep spreading, spreading, spreading
From the center as they go,
And there is no way to stop them,
Once you've started them to flow.

Drop an unkind word or careless—
In a minute you forget,
But it started waves to flowing
And its ripples circle yet:
And perhaps in some sad pilgrim
A great wave of tears you've stirred,
And disturbed a life that's happy
When you dropped that unkind word.

Drop a word of cheer and kindness—
Just a flash and it is gone,
But a half a hundred ripples
Go a-circling on and on,
Bearing hope and joy and comfort
On each splashing, dashing wave,
Till you can't conceive the volume
Of the kind word that you gave.

Drop a word of cheer and kindness—
In a minute you forget,
But the gladness that it started
Swells and circles even yet;
And you've rolled a wave of comfort,
Whose sweet music can be heard
Over miles and miles of water,
Just by dropping a kind word.

—"The Gideon"

by her life. She introduced them to Jesus. Her life proved that God does answer prayer. She was a living example of what the power of Christ can do in and through a soul dedicated fully to Him.

"What made this saint great? She had a clear, genuine experience of salvation through the new birth. She became a new creature in Christ with a new heart, a new song, a new testimony, a new life, and a new spirit. Her experience was not superficial, formless, lifeless. It was a living re-

ality radiating through everything she did.

"She lived for others for more than fifty years. She got her eyes off herself and put them on Christ and on the needs of humanity. She was poor in this world's goods, but she gave liberally of what she had. The more she received from God, the more she gave. Her life was governed by principle, not emotions or moods."

Here is the story of a life which influenced multitudes for good. Every sincere Christian covets such an experience. But we are so apt to fail.

We must remember that Jesus said, "Without me ye can do nothing." Knowing this, we realize that the only life which influences for good and for righteousness is that Life which is Jesus Himself. In Him we have power for life's battles, power to let our lives influence others for good.

The Bible declares: "None of us liveth unto himself." Oh, to be aware of each opportunity, whether to speak or to be still; to work or to wait, living unto God. Such a life will bring its own reward now, and some glad day beyond the shadows we shall hear those welcome words, "Well done!" ◀◀

Spine Healed

In 1952 I started having trouble with my back and my left leg. I had a constant burning feeling in my leg, and when I would bend over or try to sit down the pains in my back would become so severe I could hardly bear them. I finally went to a bone specialist, and he told me I had a "lumbar spine," and there was nothing he could do for me except to relieve some of the pain.

I was prayed for at the church many times and would receive only temporary relief. By 1956 I was in more pain than ever, and my leg was beginning to draw up shorter than the right one.

About that time Evangelist John Higginbotham came to the church for a revival, and he prayed for me. Thank God, I was healed. In days to come I found that I could straighten my leg, bend over, and sit down in church without any pain at all. After almost two years I am still healed. Praise His wonderful name.—Mrs. Clara Lee, 2131 N. Stafford St., Arlington, Va.

(Endorsed by Pastor A. W. Phillips, Vienna, Va.)

Stomach Cancer Healed



I had been sick for a year when in April 1946 I entered the hospital for a cancer operation on my stomach. I was in the hospital for nine weeks; and then, because the doctor found it impossible to remove the cancer successfully, I was sent home to die.

In August I was taken back to the hospital for more Xrays, which showed more growth than before. I was not given any more medicine or treatments of any kind, for the doctors felt it was of no use.

But our church people and other Christian friends were praying for my healing. On Christmas Day of that same year, realizing that the Lord had touched my body with His healing power, I got up out of bed and stayed up. In June 1947 the doctor insisted on having new X-ray pictures taken, and they showed that my stomach was completely healed. There was not even a scar left, and I was able to return to my work.

When I left the hospital I weighed only 94 pounds. When I returned to work a few months later, I weighed 150 pounds, and I have been working continuously these past ten years. I do praise and thank the Lord for His healing power.—Carl A. Barenreuther, 256 Madison Ave., Alton, Ill.

(Endorsed by C. L. Gruver, Pastor, Alton Gospel Tabernacle, Alton, Ill.)

The Surrendered Will

The surrendered will and life is the great secret of receiving the Holy Ghost. All turns upon this. We may deal with individual sins, and we may cry to God for the filling of the Holy Ghost, but unless there is total surrender to God at the center of our being, unless we yield ourselves to God, nothing is likely to come of it. Oh, how many have longed, and prayed and agonized that the Holy Spirit might come upon them, but He came not. There was no yielding of self to God!

And then they have yielded themselves to God. They have bowed their faces and said: "O God, I yield, I give myself up utterly to Thee. I place myself unreservedly at Thy disposal. I hold nothing back, and I hold back from nothing that Thou biddest," and, as they have bowed, the Holy Ghost has fallen upon them.

—R. A. Torrey



... NEWS AND NOTES ON OUR TIMES

THIS PRESENT WORLD

MORALS

Ohio Judge Rules Charity Bingo Not Gambling

Bingo games operated by church or charitable institutions do not constitute gambling, Judge Fred B. Cramer of Common Pleas Court ruled in Hamilton Ohio. He issued a permanent restraining order against police raids on games held under such auspices. The case, which may be carried to the Ohio Supreme Court, arose when police raided a bingo game at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Middletown. State attorneys argued that bingo games, whether or not sponsored by religious or charitable organizations, fall within laws prohibiting gambling.

Public Auction of Spirits Stirs Spirit of Ottawa, Kansas

A recent public auction of confiscated liquor was condemned by the Ottawa, Kansas, ministerial alliance. The city and county are dry under local option provisions of the Kansas law. The ministers urged the state legislature to amend the statute under which such sales are held.

Several ministers attempted to stop

the auction held by the sheriff of Franklin County. Failing in that approach, one clergyman purchased part of the liquor himself. He said to the crowd, "I'll show you what should be done with this," and poured it all out on the courthouse lawn.

Just One Ounce May Cost a Life or Limb

Just one ounce of alcohol in an automobile driver's body will increase his chances of being involved in an accident by more than 1,000 per cent. This statement was not made by some group the brewers term "professional drys"—it was a report of a committee of American Medical Association studying the effects of intoxication. "If alcohol could be divorced from driving," the report stated, "possibly half of our forty thousand people doomed to die each year on the highways could live, and half a million more could be spared painful and crippling injuries."

The Aim of the Brewers

The liquor industry is giving its advertising and merchandising a "new look" to attract more women drinkers. Since 55 per cent of all packaged beer is sold in grocery stores, the brewers

say: "If we can sell mom, we can sell the whole family."

The brewers state they are planning a "long-range program to acquaint the women of America with the industry's product, its role in gracious living, its social implications, and its uses."

But we can be quite sure that not a word will be said about alcohol-caused miseries that make living far from "gracious."

Methodists Suggest Catch Phrases for Brewer's Advertising Campaign

The Methodist Board of Temperance, tongue in cheek, offered the J. Walter Thompson advertising agency of New York some suggestions for the new national campaign it has announced on behalf of the Schlitz Brewing Company of Milwaukee.

The agency said it is designing newspaper and magazine ads and television commercials that will coin new phrases such as "Schlitznic," "Schlitzcue," and "Schlitzfests."

"We are identifying Schlitz with the phases of American life into which it fits naturally," the admen said, "doing it in a way that is entertaining, different, memorable and, above all, fun!"

The temperance board suggested some additional catchwords for "phenomena which often result from beer drinking:"

For headache from overindulgence: "Schlitzache."

For hangover: "Schlitzover."

For accident caused by drinking: "Schlitzident."

For driving after drinking: "Schlitzfolly."

For alcoholics: "Schlitzoholics."

Church Surveys Beliefs of Fair-Goers

A poll sponsored by the North Syracuse Baptist Church was conducted through an exhibit at the New York State Fair. In response to the question, "Do you believe in a *personal* God," 1763 persons answered yes, 81 no, 48 uncertain. Other questions and the responses were: "Do you believe the Bible is God's message to man?"—1739

AT A GLANCE...

Methodists Report Gains. Membership in The Methodist Church, largest Protestant denomination in the country, now stands at 9,566,629—a gain of 121,809 over the previous year.

Holiness Church to Merge with Free Methodists. A plan under which the Holiness Movement Church of Canada will be merged with the Free Methodist Church of North America was approved by the board of administration of the latter body. The Holiness group has about 1,000 members in Canada and conducts work in several foreign fields.

New Zealand Catholics Outdistance Population Growth. The Roman Catholic Church was the only major religious body in New Zealand which grew at a faster rate than the population increase in the period between the 1951 and the 1956 censuses, government sources reported.

Catholics increased from 264,555 to 310,723—a gain of 17.8 per cent. Population growth for the same period was 12.1 per cent.

They Say...

Outdoor Air-Conditioning in Israel. The first successful experiment to air-condition an open space was made in Elath, Israel's port on the Gulf of Aqaba. North of Elath, Israeli scientists sprinkled high jets of sea water from long pipes into southward winds. Air currents flowing toward the town were noticeably cooled.

Offer Correspondence Course in Hebrew. The University of Wisconsin Extension Division is offering a correspondence course in Hebrew to meet demands from high school, college, and theological students and adult study groups. Discovery of the Dead Sea Scrolls has stirred interest in Hebrew, officials say.

yes, 40 no, 29 uncertain. "Do you believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God?"—1737 yes, 32 no, 37 uncertain. "Do you believe that Jesus Christ died for your sins, rose again, and lives to be your personal Lord and Saviour?"—1757 yes, 36 no, 56 uncertain. "Do you believe that you will go to heaven when you die?"—1183 yes, 76 no, 584 uncertain. The report, carried in *Christianity Today*, seems to indicate that many people know the truth, but not all of them have appropriated it personally.

MISSIONS

New Guinea Tribesmen Responding to Gospel

Four Kapauka chiefs in New Guinea have jointly requested that the Christian and Missionary Alliance place another mission worker at Obana, scene of a violent uprising against the mission last November. At that time some mission workers were killed or injured and a mission airplane was destroyed.

Since the uprising, it is reported that the Kapaukas have been more open to the gospel than ever before. One chief who is a baptized Christian made a tour on his own, preaching the gospel. Hundreds gathered to hear him. Spokesmen from several outlying areas have also declared that their people want the Good News and are begging for someone to teach them. (The Kapauka people are the largest group in Netherlands New Guinea speaking one language.)

Persecution for Protestants in Philippines?

Recently we reported that, under Roman Catholic pressure on high government officials, the Philippine Islands became the third country in the world to be dedicated to the "sacred heart of Jesus." We also noted that in the other two countries so dedicated, persecution of Protestants has developed.

Will this happen in the Philippines? A lead editorial in the Catholic newspaper *Veritas*, Iloilo City, Philippines, seems to be striking a keynote. The editorial, reporting on the proceedings that accompanied the dedication (a "splendid manifestation of the Catholic faith," the paper called it), complained that Protestants were not co-operative and went on to call for the elimination of the Protestants. "While Protestants themselves may be tolerated if they do not disturb Catholics," the editorial said, "Protestantism itself and Protestant proselytizing and other nui-

They Say . . .

. . . Christ Is Unpopular Among Businessmen

"Christ has become the most unpopular figure in the business world . . . unwanted because He and the little discrepancies in the balance sheets or income tax returns do not agree."—*Ee Soon-howe, Far East manager of a British manufacturing firm, at a rally sponsored by the Southern Malaya Methodist Youth.*

. . . Teen-agers Need God

"The basic need of a teen-ager today is for him to be right with God and right with himself. . . . When a young person accepts Christ, he throws away all of the counterfeits such as unwholesome sex experiences, law breaking, 'happy pills,' and comes to grips with reality through Jesus Christ."—*Dr. Clyde M. Narramore, consulting psychologist for public schools in Los Angeles County, California, addressing the 13th annual convention of Youth for Christ International.*

sances must be stopped. They are detrimental to the public welfare of our people."

If the Roman Catholic hierarchy is planning a drive to end Protestantism in the Philippines there may be troubled times ahead, but such a drive would be doomed to fail.

No Rest While There's Work to Be Done, She Says

A 90-year-old woman in Eritrea, East Africa, felt justified in taking a half-day holiday recently. Mrs. Vinquist, together with her husband, had labored for 60 years to translate the entire Bible into Tigrinya. Only when the final proofs had been read did the little lady relax—for half a day. Almost blind now, she believes that idleness is a crime as long as there's work to be done.

Ambassador Says Half of China's Christians Defy Reds

Half of the Christians in China have refused to obey the Communist government directives and are conducting their worship services in secret, Ambassador Hollington K. Tong of Nationalist China declared. In a dinner speech at Washington, D. C., the ambassador from Free China said that the Chinese Christians who are permitted to communicate with the West are members of "show case" churches that the Communists maintain for propaganda purposes. He said that most Christian groups in China encounter severe persecution.

By way of contrast, he said that

Christian missions are thriving on Formosa. The number of Christians on the Nationalist-held island has multiplied six times since World War II and now totals more than a quarter million out of a population of ten million.

MISCELLANEOUS

Pentecostal Holiness Church Reorganizes Jurisdictions

Delegates to the 13th General Conference of the Pentecostal Holiness Church meeting in Oklahoma City, voted to reorganize the denomination into four geographical jurisdictions and elected a bishop and four assistant general superintendents. They will replace the two bishops who have heretofore administered the Church and its international missions. The two-bishop system had been operating for twenty years. Bishop Oscar Moore of Shawnee, Oklahoma, had announced previously he would not seek re-election. Presiding Bishop Joseph Synan of Hopewell, Virginia, who previously headed the denomination's eastern and Canadian churches, was elected to the denomination's top post. The delegates also voted to erect a new headquarters building and publishing house at Franklin Springs, Georgia.

Communists Declare Work, Religion Are Incompatible

Sofia Radio in Communist Bulgaria broadcast the first of a series of talks aimed at proving that "honest, productive work and religion are incompatible." The broadcast declared that religious holydays, customs, rituals, and pilgrimages to various shrines are diverting thousands of people from their tasks and work. This is inflicting great harm on the national economy," it added. The broadcast called for "the complete replacement of religion by science to ensure a happy future for all mankind."

"By Hook and by Crook"

When Dr. Frank Means of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board told the Baptist World Executive Committee that there is a need to evangelize the world "by hook and by crook," he was quick to point out to the astonished executives that the expression has a Biblical significance.

He pointed out that Christ commissioned His disciples to be "fishers of men" and referred to His followers as "sheep"—thus accounting for both the fisherman's hook and the shepherd's crook.

Foreign Missions

BY HAROLD R. CARLBLOM

THE VISITATIONS FROM THE LORD IN our area have been thrilling and refreshing. Though the customs, appetites, and ways of many of the people differ widely one from another in respect to daily living, the blessing of the Lord acts as a great melting pot which fuses these varied interests, ways, and desires into one. The people of Indonesia react just the same under the blessings of the Holy Spirit as the folk from deepest Africa or sophisticated America!

Recently it was our joy in Indonesia to be visited by Walter H. Beuttler and Harvey McAlister, American



Harvey McAlister preaching in Djakarta, Indonesia

BAPTISMS in INDONESIA

evangelists. The visit of each was confined to a very short period of time, but the measure of God's blessings and power is not limited to prescribed boundaries such as time and place.

In the nine days that our Brother McAlister was able to be with us in Djakarta, the great sprawling capital of Indonesia, God's presence was poured forth in copious measure. The congregation in Djakarta is largely made up of Chinese Christians, and the build-

ing is far too small to accommodate the multitudes who come desiring spiritual uplift.

God has given Brother McAlister a love for the peoples of these foreign countries and his message is God-given and applicable to their lives. From the very beginning the Holy Spirit was present to show forth His power in saving, healing, and baptizing believers. Every available space was utilized for seating the crowds, so that when

the prayer service began, there was much activity as chairs were stacked and the front part of the church cleared; yet there seemed little disturbance. The hungry folk came forward or dropped on their knees where they were. In a matter of minutes the entire church building became one grand scene of God's visitation! The atmosphere became so charged that crowds gathered outside to attempt to see and stand in wonder at the moving of God upon His people. It was difficult to keep track of the many who received the baptism in the Holy Spirit. However, in those few glorious days it was estimated that forty or more received their portion of God's wondrous blessing of power.

Scores of others testified to definite divine healing of their bodies, and many people came forward for salvation as well. The effect of these meetings will have a lasting value to the local church, and we are earnestly looking forward for a return visit from each of these brethren to this needy land of Indonesia. Our Brother Beuttler will conduct workers conferences when he returns. Pray much that God shall help us to meet the challenge here and stem the tide of the forces of darkness that work against us.

Many came to the altar to consecrate their lives to God



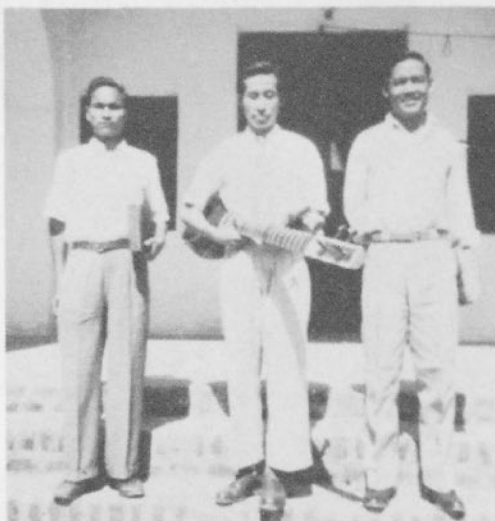
Witnessing to Mountain Folk in Nepal

BY MATTY PERSONEUS

Graduation exercises at Hardoi Bible Institute were over. Pastor Barnabas Rai of Nanpara, on the eastern border of Nepal, attended the service and, with a burden on his heart for the mountain folk, took three of the students with him into the mountains again.

Now they have returned from this worthwhile trip, rejoicing that they could carry the good news to many villages and towns. They visited several places where they had been last year and found a hearty welcome. Some who had taken a stand last year were still true; but others, because of lack of teaching, had gone back. We see the need of permanent workers being stationed in these places, and we hope the time will soon come when we can send them in.

The quartet visited several new places, and in only one did they have opposition from the authorities; that was because the Bara Hakin was away and his subordinates were afraid to allow them to hold meetings. But they

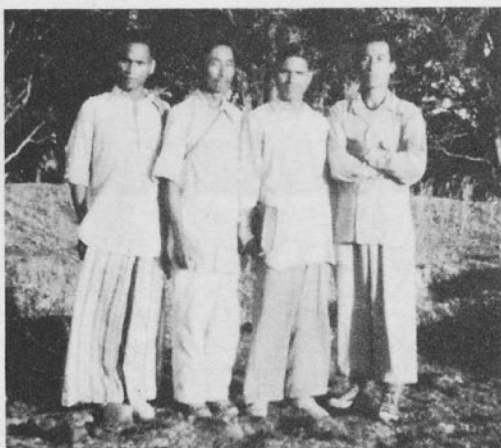


These students were on last year's trip. Two of them went again this year.

did have very good meetings in the home of a captain who was a Christian at heart and whose wife had been baptized. In several cases God manifested his power to heal, and the people returned to give glory to God for deliverance.

While they were gone Mrs. Rai carried on the work in Naipalganj. One day a woman came with a very sick child and during the meeting the child apparently passed away. The mother began to weep and carry on in customary fashion, but Mrs. Rai took the child and prayed and God healed it. The mother, overjoyed and convinced of true Christianity, promised she would give up her idols and charms and follow the Lord.

We are negotiating for a plot of land on which to build a home for our workers. We also hope to erect a church. Land is very scarce and expensive. Do pray with us that the will of the Lord will be manifest and that the work will expand to His honor and glory.



The four who went on the trip



Mr. Rai with a family of believers

MISSIONARY News Notes



After November 24, Calvin P. Olson will have a new address. It will be A. G. Mission, Gopalganj, Faridpur District, East Pakistan.

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Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Stafford of Burma announce the arrival of another daughter on October 21.

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Miss Florence Steidel is now making her home at Mission Village, Route 5, Box 720, Springfield, Mo.

CHURCH PARTICIPATION IN MISSIONARY GIVING

September 1957

Rank	District	Total Churches	Participating Churches	Participation Percentage
1.	Nebraska	78	73	94%
2.	New Jersey	93	87	94%
3.	N. Dakota	50	45	90%
4.	N. New England	44	37	84%
5.	Montana	65	54	83%
6.	S. New England	61	50	82%
7.	Kansas	166	135	81%
8.	Ohio	176	140	80%
9.	Potomac	171	136	80%
10.	Tennessee	96	76	79%
11.	Wyoming	36	28	78%
12.	Rocky Mtn.	124	96	77%
13.	Michigan	174	134	77%
14.	Minnesota	145	111	77%
15.	N. Carolina	70	53	76%
16.	Northwest	274	206	75%
17.	West Central	222	166	75%
18.	Oregon	197	147	75%
19.	Wis.-N. Mich.	136	101	74%
20.	S. Missouri	332	241	73%
21.	Eastern	259	187	72%
22.	New York	155	112	72%
23.	Illinois	216	155	72%
24.	S. Dakota	47	33	70%
25.	W. Florida	139	93	67%
26.	N. Calif.-Nev.	321	213	66%
27.	S. California	368	236	64%
28.	S. Florida	158	101	64%
29.	W. Texas	127	80	63%
30.	Indiana	151	94	62%
31.	Georgia	130	80	62%
32.	S. Texas	266	159	60%
33.	Louisiana	148	88	59%
34.	Oklahoma	490	289	59%
35.	Appalachian	72	42	58%
36.	New Mexico	76	44	58%
37.	Alabama	254	139	55%
38.	S. Carolina	51	25	49%
39.	N. Texas	508	248	49%
40.	Arizona	88	40	45%
41.	Kentucky	65	29	45%
42.	Mississippi	92	40	43%
43.	S. Idaho	57	24	42%
44.	Arkansas	441	181	41%

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BAREFOOT BOY

BARE FEET AND RAGGED CLOTHING didn't matter a bit to Philip the day he heard a piano for the first time. Fascinated he followed the delightful sound—followed it right off the sidewalk where he'd been shuffling along, across a wide porch and right into an elegant parlor where a young lady was playing. Philip watched entranced as her fingers moved over the keyboard and when she stopped he cried, "O lady, play some more."

Startled, she turned to stare at Philip and then in a very unladylike way she said, "Get out of here with your great feet." And Philip, suddenly remembering his bare feet and rags, fled from the house.

Philip's family was poor, moving often from one old log house to another. His father taught him religion by singing, praying, and Bible reading, and every day his mother gave him lessons. Because he loved music the boy fashioned several crude instruments and made melodies with them. When he was only eleven he tied his extra clothing in a big handkerchief and went to work on a farm for \$9 a month. The year Philip was 12 there were revival meetings in a schoolhouse and it was then that he let others know that he loved the Lord.

Through the years of working and trying to get an education he never lost his love for music. In 1864, when he was 26, he wrote his first song and published it. During the next twelve years he wrote many songs for hymn books—some of them you sing in your Sunday school. Next time you

sing "Jesus Loves Even Me" you'll discover it was written by P.P. Bliss. How many other songs can you find which were written by him?

Mr. Bliss and his wife traveled a great deal giving concerts and later when he began preaching and inviting people to come to Christ, many young people were won for the Lord. It was while they were on one of the concert-evangelistic tours that he and his wife were killed in a train wreck near

Ashtabula, Ohio, December 29, 1876.

But even today his influence lives on. The songs that he wrote still touch the hearts of men and women, boys and girls. The life that is lived for God is always fruitful.

—Adapted from *The Standard*

*One step thou seest—then go forward boldly,
One step is far enough for faith to see;
Take that, and thy next duty shall be told
thee.*

For step by step thy Lord is leading thee.

CODE MESSAGE FOR JUNIORS READERS

Here is another important message for you, but it is coded. You will find the code listed at the left and the message at the right. To read the message, simply fill in the letter that corresponds with the code in the space provided.

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To check your answer, look up Proverbs 15:1.

Neglecting Family Worship



The neglect of family worship in Christian homes is one of the most serious evils of America today. It means less love between husband and wife, less peace and harmony in the household, and less prospect of the children becoming Christians. A national movement for the rebuilding of family altars is needed.

Everywhere Dr. Torrey and Mr. Alexander went in conducting revival meetings, they appealed to the Christian people to begin family prayers—and begin at once! Mr. Alexander frequently asked, "How many of you will start family prayers tonight?" Then, as hands all over the audience were raised, he said, "Well, that's beautiful; there will be a Little Church started in each of these homes tonight."

No excuse is valid for not having family prayers. The lack-of-time excuse is one of the most frequent given, but it is utterly insufficient. If we are really Christians, God should be first in our lives, and His worship should have first place in the day's duties."

—Associate Reformed Presbyterian

So long as there are homes to which men turn

At close of day,

So long as there are homes where children are,

Where women stay,

If love and loyalty and faith be

Found across these sills,

A stricken nation can recover from

Its greatest ills.

So long as there are homes where fires burn,
And there is bread,

So long as there are homes where lamps are lit

And prayers are said,

Although a people falters through the dark

And nations grope,

With God Himself back of these little homes,

We still have hope.

—Grace Noll Crowell



Our Family Altar

Monday, December 9

Read: Ephesians 2:1-10

Learn: "By grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: not of works, lest any man should boast" (Ephesians 2:8, 9).

For the Parent: The passage pictures the life of a person before he accepted Christ and the great transformation that salvation brings. Emphasize (1) what we were, vv. 2, 3; (2) the mercy of God, v. 4; (3) the method of our salvation, vv. 8, 9; (4) the purpose of our salvation, v. 10.

Question Time: To what is the unsaved person likened? (v. 1) What was his manner of life before salvation? (vv. 2, 3) How are we saved? (vv. 8, 9) Why are we saved? (v. 10)

Tuesday, December 10

Read: Ephesians 2:11-22

Learn: "For through him [Christ] we . . . have access by one Spirit unto the Father" (Ephesians 2:18).

For the Parent: Review the material studied yesterday. Then point out that (1) salvation became available to us only because Christ died for our sins, vv. 13-16; (2) through Christ we have direct access to God's throne, v. 18; (3) through Christ we are made members of "the household of God," and are no longer "strangers" to Him. This glorious position is available to us only after we have accepted Christ as our Saviour.

Question Time: How did salvation become available to us? (vv. 13-16)

Wednesday, December 11

Read: Ephesians 3

Learn: "[God] . . . is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us" (Ephesians 3:20).

For the Parent: In this passage Paul reminds the Ephesian church that (1) by the grace of God they have been made members of the body of Christ—the true Church that includes all true believers; (2) this "mystery," unknown in other ages, now revealed through Christ. Point out also Paul's prayer for the Ephesians, vv. 13-21.

Question Time: How can Paul's prayer for the Ephesians (vv. 13-21) be applied to your life? How do we become members of the body of Christ. (See above)

Thursday, December 12

Read: Luke 1:5-22

Learn: "O sing unto the Lord a new song; for he hath done marvelous things" (Psalm 98:1).

For the Parent: (Additional material on "Zacharias and Elisabeth" will be found on Sunday's Lesson page.) From this passage point out (1) the character of Zacharias and Elisabeth, v. 6; (2) the duties of Zacharias, vv. 8, 9; (3) the appearance of an angel to Zacharias, v. 11; (4) the message of the angel, vv. 13-17; (5) the sign the angel gave to Zacharias, v. 20.

Question Time: What kind of people were Zacharias and Elisabeth? (v. 6) How did the angel describe the son that would be born to them? (vv. 13-17)

Friday, December 13

Read: Malachi 3:1; Luke 1:57-66; Mark 1:1-8 (Sunday's Lesson for Juniors)

Learn: "I indeed have baptized you with water: but he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost" (Mark 1:8).

For the Parent: Review yesterday's lesson. Describe the events at the birth of John. Then point out from Mark 1:1-8 how John the Baptist fulfilled the prophecy of Malachi 3:1. John's duty was to prepare the way for Christ's coming. Show how this parallels our responsibility to prepare the way for Christ's second coming.

Question Time: How did John the Baptist fulfill the prophecy of Malachi 3:1? (Mark 1:1-8) How does John's task parallel ours?

Saturday, December 14

Read: 2 Samuel 15:1-15; 18:6-17 (Sunday's Lesson for Primaries)

Learn: "Honour thy father and mother . . . that it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth" (Ephesians 6:1, 2).

For the Parent: Relate briefly the story of King David's son, Absalom, and how he rebelled against his father and tried to take the kingdom. Point out how this rebellion cost Absalom his life. Then emphasize how we should honor and obey our parents.

Question Time: Who was Absalom's father? (See above) What did Absalom try to do? (See above) How did he do this? (2 Samuel 15:1-12) How did he die? (2 Samuel 18:9-17)

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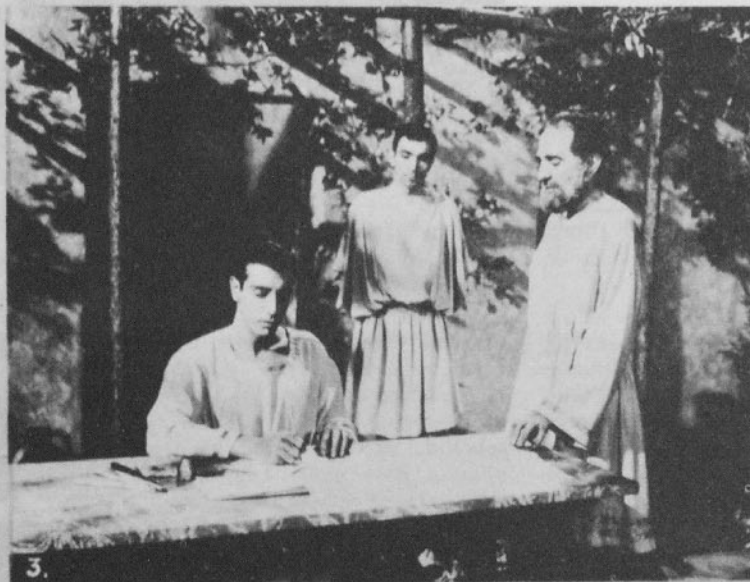


1. When Jesus walked on earth, God's people had only the Old Testament for their sacred scriptures. Jesus stood in the synagogue one day and read from the scroll of Isaiah.



2. The Ethiopian eunuch was sitting in his chariot and reading from the prophecy of Isaiah when Philip came to him and explained that Jesus was the promised Christ.

The Books of the New Testament were written by men who were inspired by the Holy Ghost. The apostle Paul usually dictated his Epistles to younger men who wrote them down.



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4.

The Epistles were first written in Greek. Originally 1 Thessalonians 1:1 looked like this. The translation reads, "Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father, . . ."



5.

The apostle John was advanced in years when he dictated his Gospel, which emphasizes the deity of Christ. He also wrote three Epistles and the Book of Revelation.

About 325 A.D. Eusebius showed the Roman Emperor Constantine the battered condition of available copies of the Scriptures, and the Emperor ordered that fifty new copies be prepared.



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le Came to Us

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Many scholars translated the Hebrew and Greek Scriptures into new languages. For more than twenty years (A.D. 382-404) Jerome worked on the Latin translation known as the Vulgate.



Nicholas de Hereford agreed to undertake a translation of the Bible in English, at the request of John Wycliffe. This historic step was taken about A.D. 1380.

Martin Luther was called before the authorities at Worms in 1521 because he gave supreme allegiance to the Bible. He translated the New Testament into German.



William Tyndale arranged for the printing of the New Testament in English in 1525, and later was martyred for so doing. The printing was done in Germany.



Miles Coverdale made a translation of the Scriptures in 1535 A.D. It was the first English Bible to be printed with the approval of the king of England.

At Hampton Court in 1604 A.D., King James I of Great Britain ordered that a new translation be undertaken by scholars. The result was the King James Version, published in 1611.





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Your Questions

ANSWERED BY ERNEST S. WILLIAMS

What are the ordinances that were blotted out? (Colossians 2:14,20)

These were the ordinances which were associated with the religious worship of Israel, often spoken of as "the ceremonial law." See Ephesians 2:14, 15.

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Do the "days, and months, and times, and years" condemned by Paul have any reference to holidays which are observed in our day? (Galatians 4:10)

The context shows that it was Jewish observances that Paul had in mind, and not holidays which are kept in our day.

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If the law of circumcision is done away is there any reason for tithing? Were not both part of the Law?

Circumcision was a Hebrew rite, by which the Hebrew child was recognized as "a son of the covenant" which God made with Abraham (Genesis 17:9-14). The New Testament makes it plain that this rite is not required of the Gentiles (Galatians 5:2). But tithing was instituted in the dispensation of promise; it was endorsed by Jesus (Matthew 23:23) and encouraged by Paul (1 Corinthians 9:9-14).

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If we are not under the Law, by what is our life to be guided?

That we are not under the Mosaic law is the clear teaching of the New Testament. Paul likens the Law to a husband, to whom the wife is bound as long as he lives. When he dies she is then free to marry another man (Romans 7:2,3). Then he makes the application in verse 5—"Wherefore, my brethren, ye also are become dead to the law by the body of Christ [or through Christ's atonement]; that ye should be raised from the dead, that we should bring forth fruit unto God."

Paul shows that when we were married to the Law, to continue the figure, all the fruits of enmity against God were the offspring (vv. 9-24). But when married to Christ, instead of bringing forth such fruits we "bring forth fruit unto God," the fruits of righteousness. This is because "the law of the Spirit of

life in Christ Jesus hath made [us] free from the law of sin and death" (Romans 8:2). This does not make us lawless; it provides the righteousness which the Law demanded but could not provide.

Our example, then, becomes Christ Jesus, not the Law. The Holy Spirit, who comes into our hearts, begets within us love and devotion to Christ, so that we wish to do "always those things that please him." The Holy Spirit gives us the power to fulfill this desire. No Christian is lawless. He recognizes himself "under the law to Christ" (1 Corinthians 9:21).

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Why did Paul have Timothy circumcised, while he condemned Peter for withdrawing from eating with the Gentiles when the Jewish brethren came? (Acts 16:3; Galatians 2:11,12).

Paul had Timothy circumcised "because of the Jews which were in those quarters." All of them knew that Timothy had a Jewish mother; therefore they would expect him to be circumcised. Otherwise there would be a barrier of prejudice against Paul and Timothy and their message. Paul's motto was, "Unto the Jews I became as a Jew, that I might gain the Jews" (1 Corinthians 9:20).

When it came to circumcision of the Gentiles, Paul took a strong stand (Acts 15; Galatians 2:3). Paul condemned Peter's withdrawal from the Gentiles when Jewish brethren came, as an act of duplicity and an offense to the Gentile believers.

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Since the Bible says a day with the Lord is as a thousand years and a thousand years as a day, is it not possible that the Millennium will be much longer than a literal thousand years?

This could be, but it is best that we take the Bible as it reads. Then, should the Lord have a different plan than we now see, we will leave that to Him.

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Sunday's Lesson

"RIGHTLY DIVIDING THE WORD OF TRUTH"



ZACHARIAS AND ELISABETH

Sunday School Lesson for December 15, 1957

LUKE 1:5-17

THE PARENTS OF JOHN (Luke 1:5-7). (1) *Their righteousness.* Deplorable conditions existed in Israel. The Jews were slaves to Rome; but worst of all, they were in spiritual bondage. Their religion had become a lifeless form. But God has His faithful ones in the worst of times. There was in Israel a priest named Zacharias, and his wife Elisabeth. "And they were both righteous before God, walking in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord blameless." What a testimony! A godly home, a godly union, a holy-living couple!

(2) *Their sorrow.* Even godliness is no guarantee against sorrow, trial, and disappointment. John and Elisabeth were saddened because their home was childless—a matter which in those days was considered a reproach and a sign of divine displeasure. But "all things work together for good to them that love God," and out of the darkest sorrows of life may come the most radiant and wonderful blessings.

THE SCENE IN THE TEMPLE (Luke 1:8-25). (1) *The Ministry of Zacharias* (vv. 8-10). Twice a year Zacharias, being a priest, went to Jerusalem to perform his sacred tasks in the temple for a period of eight days. On this occasion there came to him the great privilege which a priest could enjoy only once in a lifetime—that of entering the Holy Place, there in the presence of God in the hour of prayer, to offer incense upon the golden altar. A cloud arose—the symbol of an accepted sacrifice. Then an angel appeared with an awe-inspiring revelation. But, mark you, it was while in the path of duty, in the faithful performance of his occupation, that Zacharias met the angel. Would you have revelations of the Lord? Be faithful in the daily tasks that fall to thy lot!

(2) *The Message of the Angel* (Luke 1:13-17). "Fear not, Zacharias: for thy prayer is heard." For what had the aged couple been praying? That they might have a son and that they might see the salvation of Israel. They still looked for Messiah, but had probably long since given up their prayer for a son. Here was the answer to both prayers! God often delays, but He does not forget! Blessings may come today as the result of old prayers that have almost passed from memory.

"Thy wife Elisabeth shall bear thee a son." And what a son! He was to be the forerunner of the Messiah, "filled with the Holy Ghost, even from his mother's womb. And many of the children of Israel shall he turn to the Lord."

(3) *The Unbelief of Zacharias* (vv. 18-25). "And Zacharias said . . . Whereby shall I know this?" Zacharias was godly, but he also lacked faith. He had for-

gotten Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebecca. He had given up hope of a son, and when told the good news he asked for a sign.

"Thou shalt be dumb, and not able to speak, until the day that these things shall be performed." The sign was granted. It both rebuked his unbelief and strengthened his faith. Zacharias was smitten with dumbness until his lips at last would be opened in praise and thanksgiving. Unbelief is never joyous; faith never lacks praise.

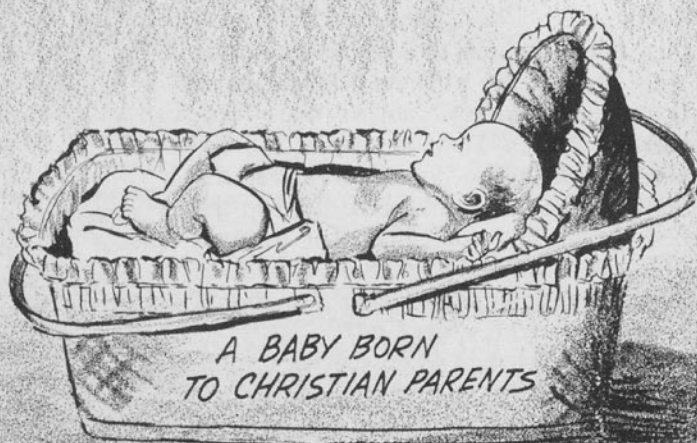
THE BIRTH OF JOHN (Luke 1:57-80). God was true to His Word. In due time John was born. Relatives and friends rejoiced. On the eighth day the child was taken to the Temple to be circumcised and named. Friends said, "Call him Zacharias." "Not so," replied Elisabeth, "he shall be called John." This was an unusual procedure, for there was no relative by that name. When Zacharias was asked about it, he wrote on a tablet, "His name is John," and showed by silent testimony that he fully believed that all that the angel had said concerning his son would come to pass. Immediately his tongue was loosed and there poured from his lips, inspired by the Holy Spirit, sublime and wonderful words of prophecy and praise. So it often happens—public testimony and confession of faith results in great victory, great joy, and greater faith! Fear not, O tested one! Declare thy faith and obey thy Lord, and there will be a fulfillment of those things God has promised!

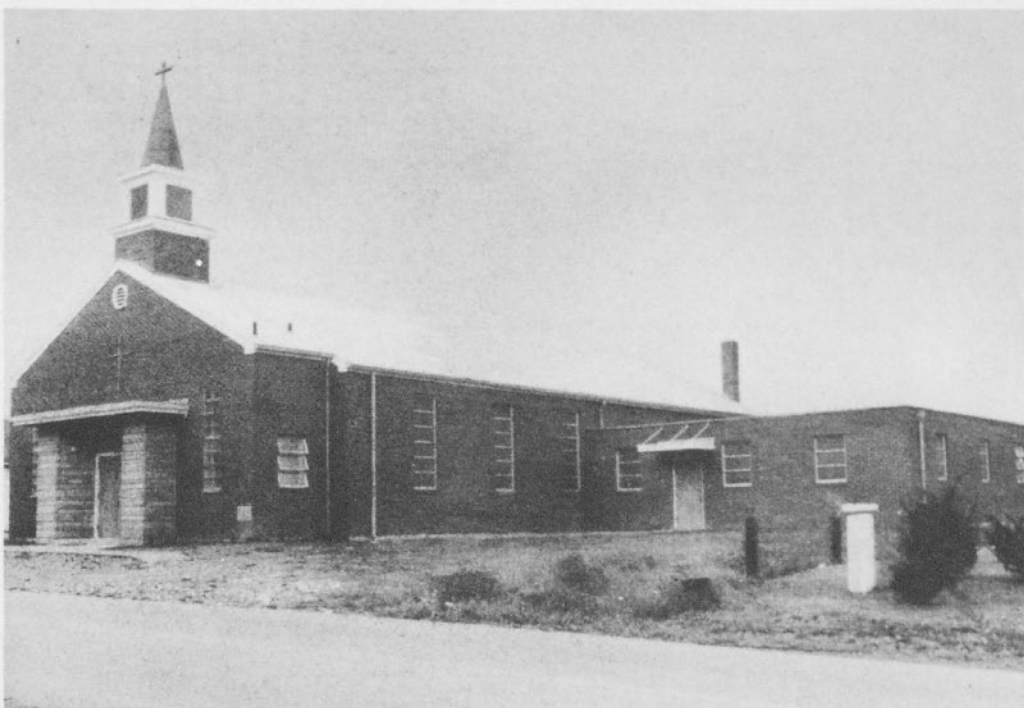
—J. Bashford Bishop

Some people who say "Our Father" on Sunday go around the rest of the week acting like orphans.

A REASON TO REJOICE

MANY SHALL REJOICE
AT HIS BIRTH. LUKE 1:14





NEW OHIO CHURCH DEDICATED

On October 13, 1957 the dedication service was held for the new church of the Assemblies of God in Bethel, Ohio. District Superintendent C. W. Hahn and District Secretary-Treasurer T. E. Hartshorn were the guest speakers for the occasion.

Bethel Assembly had its beginning in 1946 when John S. Richards and his family, missionaries home on furlough from Africa, felt a burden for an Assembly in this town. Meetings were held in the Grant Memorial Building, and during this time several ministers from the Southwest section assisted the local group.

In 1948, when Brother Richards left to return to Africa, he was succeeded by Searl Stover. The property at 321 N. Main Street was purchased, and the Home Missions Department of the Southwest Section erected a portable tabernacle there. In October 1949, Felix O. Coyle was called to the church and is the present pastor.

In November 1951, a new parsonage was started on this lot, and in 1952 was occupied by the pastor. There was a ground-breaking service for a new church building on July 14, 1956, but actual construction did not begin until August. The first services were held in the new building eight months later, in May 1957. The church has experienced a steady growth and has enjoyed the blessing of God.

A SURE FORMULA FOR REVIVAL

(Continued from page three)

having the mass revivals in Africa that you folk are having here in America. We are educating our people to go out and do personal evangelism, and they bring their new converts on a Sunday morning and introduce them to the congregation. One day a woman was out telling a group of people about a Man (Jesus) who has all power. A witch doctor, coming along and hearing her testimony, knocked her to the ground, kicking her and stamping her. He said, 'I'll show you who has all power.'

"After the crowd disbursed, this woman arose and went home. Getting down on her knees she prayed for the

witch doctor. A couple of days later she heard a knock at the door. It was the witch doctor, who had been unable to escape the power of her personal testimony. 'Will you please take this spell off me that your God put on me the other day. I can't eat or sleep,' he told her.

"'Sir, I did not put any spell on you. I only told you about my Jesus, and I have prayed that He will save you and forgive you.' The man was converted. The next Sunday morning, standing up with her new convert, this woman introduced him to the congregation."

Pastors, what effect would such a

testimony have on our congregations? I believe it would bring the revival that we want. I would like to see our evangelists concentrate on such a program—preaching and teaching the need for personal evangelism and leading our churches into a personal evangelism program. If they will do this, I believe we will again have our churches filled with those who need Christ. Give it a try, will you, Evangelist? We have tried everything else, but in too many cases we are not reaching the unsaved. Let us adopt a program of going where they are.

HAVE COMPASSION AND LOVE

"He had compassion on him" (v. 33).

An organization such as I have spoken of will not get the job done unless we have the compassion of the Lord Jesus Christ in our hearts. True love does not hesitate, fears no harm, makes willing sacrifices, leaves nothing unfinished. The good Samaritan paid for service only after he had done all he could personally. He gave the innkeeper two pence and said, "Take care of him; and whatsoever thou spendest more, when I come again, I will repay thee."

God's warning to the church at Ephesus was, "Thou hast left thy first love" (Revelation 2:4). That first love included a love and compassion for souls. The church at Ephesus had lost it; the priest and the Levite in my scripture text had lost it. I wonder if we possess it today? Without such love it is absolutely impossible to have a revival.

May I ask, "How long has it been since you wept over the lost?" Luke tells us, "When he [Jesus] was come near, he beheld the city, and wept over it." This was not just a shallow crocodile weeping, but oh, His heart was full of compassion bursting with love. "He ... wept." Psalm 126:5, 6 tells us, "They that sow in tears shall reap in joy. He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him." May God give us that compassion which will cause us to go where the lost are, as did the good Samaritan.

BE ANOINTED BY THE SPIRIT

Verse 34 shows that the Samaritan poured oil into the man's wounds. Most Bible scholars recognize oil as a type of the Holy Spirit. And how important is this oil in revival! Before anyone in Bible times could serve as

priest, prophet, or king, the holy anointing oil was applied.

The Holy Spirit is God's agent in this world in the saving of souls. We can acquire more knowledge from Him on the subject of soul-winning in a moment than we could acquire apart from Him in a lifetime. He knows where an Ethiopian eunuch is, if He can find a Philip who will co-operate with Him. He knows where a blind Saul of Tarsus is, if He can get an Ananias to go and pray for him that the scales may fall from his eyes. He will reprove the world of sin if He can get someone through whom He can work. Our programs and our talents amount to little if we do not have the anointing of the Spirit upon them. Revival will depend greatly upon how freely we have the oil to minister. No wonder Paul said, "Quench not the Spirit."

HAVE THE JOY OF THE LORD

The good Samaritan also poured wine into the man's wounds. Wine is a type of the joy that accompanies a Spirit-filled life. This joy has attracted more people to the house of God than any other program we have been able to instigate. "The joy of the Lord is your strength." With joy you shall draw water from the wells of salvation.

A long-faced religion has never attracted anyone to Jesus Christ. There are many who long for the joy that a real Christian possesses.

I believe that a program of personal evangelism, compassion for the lost, Spirit-filled living, and the joy of the Lord is the sure formula which, if followed, will bring us the revival we need. ◀ ◀

THREE LITTLE FOXES

(Continued from page five)

children; put the thorny crown on Jesus' head and nailed Him to the Cross. It breeds anger, and unforgiving spirit, revenge and murder. Beware of this cruel fox, for it will rob you of your power; spoil your ministry and cause you to backslide.

Dr. F. B. Meyer once wrote: "I found it very much easier, when I was pastor of Christ Church in London, to pray for the success of Dr. G. Campbell Morgan when he was in America than I could after he came back and took the pastorate of Westminster Chapel, not very far from my church. With Dr. Morgan on one side of me and Thomas Spurgeon on the other, both of them drawing bigger audiences than I had at Christ Church, I found myself with a battle royal on my hands. I was not long in discovering, however, that the only safety for me was to overcome the spirit within me and pray for these two men and their work. This I did day after day, asking God's blessing upon them. . . . I kept on praying for these two men and their churches until I discovered that many times in my prayers I had forgotten to pray for Christ Church at all. The truth is, I soon came to learn that the more I prayed for these two men, the less I had to pray for Christ Church. I was happy in their success and rejoiced in their growing congregations. God had given me the victory and He proved it, too, because He filled their churches so full of people that their overflow filled mine until I had a larger audience than I ever had before. . . . I discovered that there was jealousy in my heart and I put my foot upon myself and forced myself to plead with God that it might be taken away."

God alone can purge and cleanse the heart, and deliver us from these "little foxes" that cause so much destruction in His vineyard.

*"The boneless tongue, so small and weak,
Can crush and kill," declares the Greek.
'The tongue destroys a greater horde,'
The Turk declares, 'than does the sword.'
The Persian proverb wisely said,
'A lengthy tongue, an early death.'
Or sometimes takes this form instead,
'Don't let your tongue cut off your head.'
From the Hebrew has the maxim sprung,
'Tho' feet should slip, ne'er let the tongue.'
The sacred Page doth crown the whole,
'Who keeps his tongue doth keep his soul.'"*

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TAUGHT OF THE SPIRIT

Holy Ghost teaching is Biblical. John wrote, "But the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is the truth . . . and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in Him" (1 John 2:27).

Jesus said of the Spirit, "Howbeit when He, the Spirit of Truth, is come, He will guide you into all truth. . . ." What a teacher! Think of being led into all truth—that is the privilege of the Spirit-filled believer. This becomes practical in Assemblies of God Bible schools. The chapel and classroom sessions are often scenes of direct ministry of the Spirit!

All the schools enjoy seasons of direct teaching of the Holy Spirit, especially during "revival" times. South-Eastern Bible College at Lakeland, Florida, recently had one of these refreshing periods of revival during their Spiritual Emphasis Week when Pastor Edgar Bethany was the speaker. Students testify:

"Spiritual Emphasis Week presented a challenge to my heart. That challenge is to believe that my generation will do more for God than the preceding generations."—D. L.

"My faith was built up and God dealt with my heart many times, show-

ing me my lack of prayer and intercession for souls."—J. H.

"Above all things, I learned to wait upon the Lord and I believe we were all shown the importance of letting self die out and allowing Christ to rule in our lives."—J. F.

"As I opened my heart to Jesus He refilled me with His precious Holy Spirit and gave me a greater vision for lost souls."—M. B.

"Ever since October 3 I have been praising God for giving me assurance that my sins are gone and for refilling me with the Holy Ghost."—M. E.

* Jesus called it expedient that, even at the cost of His absence, the Holy Spirit should come to the disciples. It will always be true that the church must live under the administration of the Holy Spirit. He will lead to all truth.

There is more in Him than we can ever need, and He gives us more than we can really use for ourselves. Let us see to it that we so hold our cups as that their overflows may not run to waste, but may drop into other cups, the cups of those that have not so much as we have! —F. B. Meyer



ANNUAL SERVICE FOR SHUT-INS HELD AT BATTLE CREEK

This photo shows a portion of the congregation at a special service for shut-ins. E. A. Manley, Pastor of the Church of the Four Fold Gospel in Battle Creek, Mich. writes: "This was our fourth annual service for shut-ins. Forty persons listed in our Home Department were brought by special transportation to the church. The oldest lady present was 94 years of age. Mrs. Maude Rouviere, who has been Director of our Home Department for a quarter century, says the shut-ins look forward to this service from one year to the next."

The Neglected Jewel

Gustaf Gillman, a Chicago lapidary, was at work in his shop when John Mihok, of Omaha, entered. Mihok, who was a laborer, drew out of his pocket a rough, red stone and handed it to Gillman. "I want you to cut and polish this," said Mihok. "Where did

you get it?" gasped Gillman, as his eyes almost popped out of his head. "My father picked it up in Hungary fifty years ago," was the reply of Mihok. "He thought it was a pretty pebble. When I landed in this country I found it in my valise. It has been lying around the house ever since. The children played with it. My last baby cut his teeth on it.

"One night I dreamed it was a diamond and worth a lot of money; but it's not a diamond. It's red." "No, it's a pigeon's-blood ruby," said Gillman. "What might it be worth?" was the question of Mihok. "I'd say anywhere from \$100,000 to \$250,000," replied Gillman; and Mihok leaned against the door.

The big, rough stone cut to a flawless ruby of twenty-three and nine-tenths carats. It is believed to be the largest ruby in the world.

How sad it is that in many homes the Book that is worth more than many jewels is neglected and considered of little value!

—*Youth's Companion*

A young man once said to an old preacher, "What shall I do for Christ?" The preacher replied, "Go where He is not and take Him with you."

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BY ELVA JOHNSON



Mrs. Whitney operating Braille press in her home

When Mrs. E. W. Whitney, a Wisconsin laywoman, began her ministry of providing Pentecostal literature in Braille, she did not know any blind person. But she obeyed God's call and taught herself how to read and write Braille. Then God, who had laid this burden upon her heart, provided contacts with the blind. Her work, carried on in her own home, with such equipment as she could get together, has grown tremendously over the past eight years.

At first, she printed only the *Pentecostal Digest*, a compilation of articles and sermons from our various publications. Then she began to receive requests for special literature. Blind children asked for gospel stories and quarterlies. So these were, and still are being, produced by Mrs. Whitney for these blind friends.



Jimmy Fox is totally blind and suffers from muscular dystrophy. Jimmy hopes to learn Braille so he can use the Sunday School material.

From Canada and places throughout the United States, and even from far-away Free China, came requests for the *Adult Student Quarterly*. Blind people from our own Sunday Schools wanted to study a quarterly just as the sighted do. They needed them printed in Braille.

Mrs. Whitney undertook to meet this great need. On makeshift equipment, with limited funds, Mrs. Whitney spent countless hours in producing the Sunday School lessons on a monthly basis. Although she does most of the work herself, various members of her family are pressed into service from time to time. Mr. Whitney takes care of all the equipment and keeps it in working order. The youngest daughter, twelve years of age, helps with the materials from time to time. She is trying now to learn the Braille alphabet in order to help her mother with some of the Braille writing in the future.

The Whitneys have devised their own type press, have assembled their own drying racks (they print on very wet paper), and other equipment necessary.

The process, a combination of hand and machine work, is time-consuming; and because one page of printed quarterly materials requires almost five pages of Braille, the job of assembling and stapling is not a small one. (The *Adult Student* will be about 144 pages in Braille).

Thus far the Sunday School materials have been done on a monthly basis rather than quarterly. Because of the length of the lessons and the volume of the work, it has been necessary for the past several months for Mrs. Whitney to abbreviate and condense the materials somewhat.

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The National Home Missions Department has for some time been seeking to find a way of producing the *Adult Student Quarterly* in order to relieve Mrs. Whitney of this part of her task. Recently arrangements were completed with Howe Press (part of Perkins Institute for the Blind) in Wampanoag, Massachusetts. We are happy to announce that beginning with the first quarter of 1958 the *Adult Student Quarterly* will be produced for us by Howe Press.

It would seem that the time is more than ripe for this forward step in producing the quarterly in Braille. Although we all deeply appreciate the Whitney family's efforts, the work is not their lone responsibility. It is the responsibility of our entire denomination. We cannot fairly leave it to one family.

Surely if this family has been willing



Students at the West Virginia State School for the Blind were provided with our own Sunday School literature in Braille by Mrs. Whitney

to pioneer in this field, with only a little help from time to time as funds were available, it should not be a burden on the whole denomination to provide the materials.

We have made arrangements with Howe Press to provide our own ADULT STUDENT QUARTERLY for one year for approximately \$5.00 per individual set. This means that for only \$5.00 per person, we can send these quarterlies to the blind for an entire year.

To begin with, we will print 150 quarterlies in Grade 2 Braille, with interpoint. One hundred twenty blind people on our mailing list are already awaiting these quarterlies. They will be provided to them without charge or subscription.

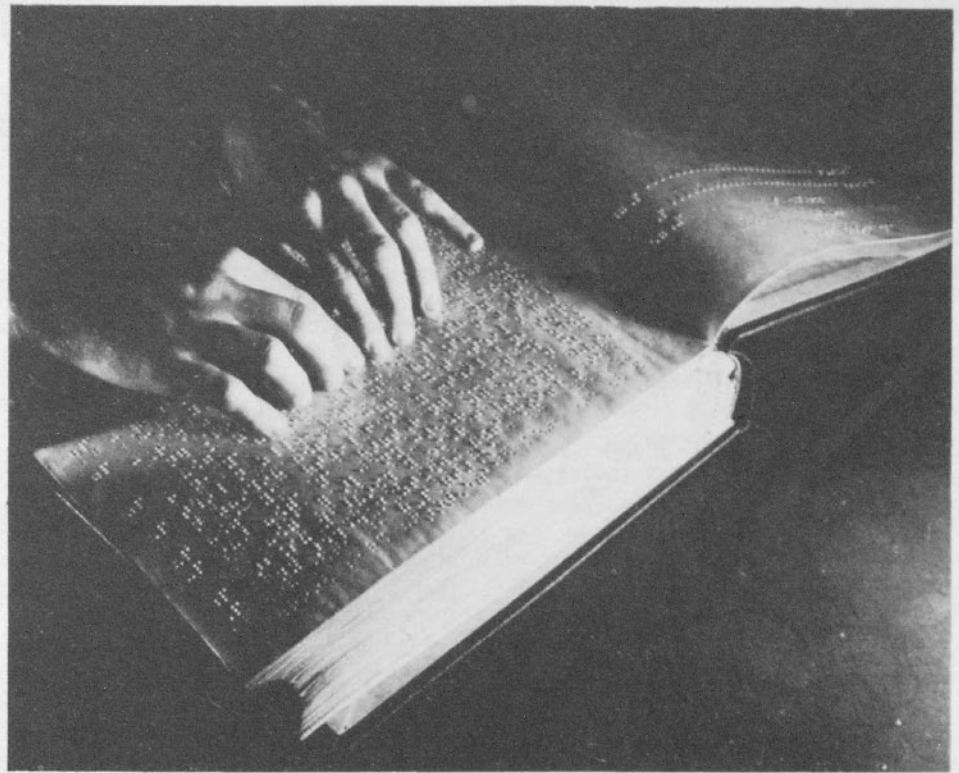
Many false teachings are put into Braille and distributed freely to the blind. But spiritually blind leaders can only lead the physically blind further into darkness. Let us, who have the Light of Life, not be negligent in providing our Pentecostal Sunday School lessons in Braille for the blind.

To begin with, we need one hundred fifty people to send five dollars each as soon as possible for this project. Why not make yours a thank offering for your own gift of sight? Perhaps a Sunday School class will want to make it a class project to sponsor the quarterly for a blind person. Let us all do what we can, whether more or less than this amount, and the need will be met. Just send your offering to

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Effective the first quarter of 1958 the Home Missions Department has arranged with Howe Press in Watertown, Massachusetts, to produce this quarterly in Braille. Already more than one hundred blind persons have received an announcement concerning this and they are eagerly awaiting their first copy of the ADULT STUDENT QUARTERLY in Braille.

It will take 144 pages of Braille for each quarterly and the cost will be \$5.00 per set for one year.

No subscription price will be charged to the blind. However, the printing costs must be paid. This is where you can help. We believe there are enough of God's people who are grateful for their own sight to meet the printing costs. We can send the quarterly in Braille to a blind person for a whole year for only \$5.00.

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► **STAR CITY, ARK.**—The Assembly here rejoices over a good revival conducted recently by Evangelist J. D. Griffis of DeKalb, Tex. Several were saved, and the Sunday School record for the past four years was broken. Brother Griffis' ministry was a blessing to our church.

—Leslie Hoppers, Pastor

► **BELLEVUE, MO.**—The church here enjoyed a mighty visitation of God during two weeks of meetings with Evangelist and Mrs. George Hammett of Lexington, Tex. The mightily anointed preaching of sound doctrine inspired and edified the congregation.

—Powhattan Huffman, Pastor

► **DUGGER, IND.**—The Calvary Assembly of God enjoyed a three-week Bible Deliverance Crusade with Evangelist and Mrs. Clarice Smith of Ottawa, Ohio. Souls came to the altar for salvation, and several were healed of various ailments. Some who had worn glasses for several years received healing in their eyes. The ministry of the Smiths in song and sermon was a real blessing to all.

—William Bedwell, Pastor

► **UTICA, N. Y.**—Evangelists John and Olive Kellner recently conducted a great Salvation-Healing crusade in the First Assembly of God here. There were record-breaking crowds. A goodly number were saved, and many received the baptism of the Holy Spirit, including the treasurer of the church.

It would be impossible to say how many persons were prayed for and healed. One woman whose feet were very bad and who was forced to wear braces in her shoes was remarkably healed. The next day she went to work with regular shoes on and came to church that night with high heels. A boy who could not see printed matter clearly was prayed for and

could see very well when he went to school the next day. A doctor later told him there was no need of his coming to him any longer. A colored woman was so wonderfully relieved of her arthritis pains that she danced all over the front of the church. A woman who had been deaf in one ear since she was sixteen years old was instantly healed so that she could hear a whisper in that ear. A boy nearly blind in one eye saw clearly out of it after prayer. A man with varicose veins in both legs felt the Lord's healing power go through him to such an extent that he immediately removed the bandages from his legs.

—William H. Douglas, Pastor

► **PASO ROBLES, CALIF.**—The Assembly here is still rejoicing over the recent revival with Evangelist and Mrs. A. L. Wyrick, who are known as "The Singing Wyricks." It has been four weeks since the evangelists left, but the revival continues. Old-timers in the church call it the best they have ever seen. Each night there were souls at the altar seeking God for salvation and the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Among those who found the Lord was a teen-age boy who had belonged to the Jehovah's Witnesses.

During a revival that was conducted some months ago by the Musical Mathans, a young couple was wonderfully saved and received the baptism of the Holy Ghost as well. The wife was formerly a Catholic.

—Paul R. Keeth, Pastor

► **SUN DIAL, W. VA.**—The Assembly here was greatly blessed during a 10-day revival conducted by Evangelist Arthur Cheek of Mt. Hope, W. Va. Prior to the revival four young people were saved. During the meetings 13 more persons accepted the Lord, and one received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. Some were healed.

—Donald G. Cox, Pastor

► **COFFEYVILLE, KANS.**—There was a wonderful visitation of God here during the week of revival with W. A. Raiford of Baxter Springs, Kans. The church experienced one of the greatest outpourings of God's Spirit in many years. The pointed and anointed sermons of Brother Raiford were used of God to stir the people and work a deep conviction in the hearts of the unsaved. Quite a number were healed by the power of God. The crowds were exceptionally good.

—P. E. Lowenberg, Pastor

► **MATAMOROS, MEXICO**—The Assemblies in the region of Matamoros recently joined together in a union campaign with Evangelist Warren Litzman of Waco, Tex. doing the preaching. Prior to the campaign some feeling was expressed that the authorities would not permit the meeting to be held. Brother Litzman had held two short campaigns earlier in the year in Mexico City and Monterey, and the results were outstanding.

The hand of the Lord was evidenced in the plans from the very beginning. A federal permit was secured just to make sure that there would be no local opposition to the meeting. The evangelist and his family crossed the border between Brownsville, Tex. and Matamoros, Mexico daily for morning services in the churches and evening services in the hall, and not a single word of objection was offered.

The crowds increased until the hall was filled to capacity, with many standing both in the balcony and on the main floor of the auditorium. The crowds were over 1,000 and probably nearer 1,500. The number of seekers during the 10-day meeting mounted to 350 or more. Unsolicited testimonies were given of miraculous healings as the sick were prayed for each night. Many who had suffered from ailments for months or years were instantly healed.



Crowd attending the union meeting in Matamoros, Mexico conducted by Evangelist Warren Litzman.

One service that was especially blessed of the Lord was a children's healing service. This was something unknown to this crowd heretofore. The long line of suffering little ones moved the coldest heart to compassion. The Lord put His approval upon this type of service by healing the sick and afflicted children.

It was most glorious to see so many people endued with power from on high, speaking with other tongues as an evidence that the Third Person of the Trinity had come to abide. In the meeting over 70 persons received the glorious experience of the infilling of the Holy Spirit. Many lukewarm and backslidden members became fired up and began actively to help others reach out by faith and receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

—Harley Vail, Missionary

► **FREEMPORT, TEX.**—The church here recently closed a wonderful revival with Evangelist and Mrs. LeRoy Fleck. Many were saved and blessed, and others were filled with the Holy Spirit. Night after night the glory fell. Brother Fleck showed himself to be a sincere, hard-working evangelist. Sister Fleck worked diligently as a musician, and in directing the children's church. Many people who had sought the Baptism of the Holy Spirit for many years were filled.

—W. W. Blakely, Pastor

► **COVINA, CALIF.**—Evangelist Watson Argue recently conducted three weeks of revival meetings here. In spite of the flu epidemic, which was so bad the city officials considered closing the schools, the crowds were large and the results encouraging. During the last week people sought salvation every night. A number were saved and received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit in the last service. The final Sunday morning the evangelist made a call for new members, and 25 stood indicating a desire to affiliate with the church.

—J. B. Lindsey, Pastor

► **BELLE, MO.**—The church here has just had one of the greatest revivals in its history with Evangelist and Mrs. George Hammett of St. Louis, Mo. God moved upon the people night after night. The altars were full as sinners were saved and Christians reconsecrated their lives to God. Many believers were made to realize their need of the infilling of the Holy Spirit. Many were healed in answer to prayer, including three deaf women. The church has been greatly built up as a result of the meeting. There were more new people in the services than at any time in the history of the church.

—A. C. Perkins, Pastor

► **DETROIT, MICH.**—The Southfield Assembly will long remember the three-week revival conducted by Evangelist and Mrs. John Higginbotham of Cleveland, Ohio. The messages of the evangelist were well balanced, and night after night the Lord confirmed His Word with signs following. Souls were saved, bodies were healed, and many victories were won. The church as a whole was edified. Brother Higginbotham's prayerful life, together with the united prayer by the church, was a key to the success of the revival. The attend-

EVANGELISTIC CAMPAIGN CALENDAR

STATE	CITY	ASSEMBLY	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR
Calif.	Marysville	Bethel Temple	Dec. 10—	Edwin Kramer	Floyd W. Thomas
	South Gate	Bible Assembly	Dec. 11-15	Watson Argue	Watson Argue, Jr.
Colo.	Holyoke	* A of G	Dec. 8-15	N. B. Rayburn	Frank Alexander
Ind.	Terre Haute	First	Dec. 3-6	C. M. Ward	Allan G. Snider
Iowa	Davenport	A of G	Dec. 1—	Donnell-Holler	C. A. Weaver
La.	Alexandria	First	Dec. 1-15	Weldon & Hazel Wright	Donald Sparks
Mo.	Kansas City	Glad Tidings	Dec. 4-18	O. E. Gaddis	Robert G. Gouge
	Nelson	A of G	Dec. 3—	George Hammett & wife	S. A. Sublett
N. Y.	White Plains	A of G	Nov. 26-Dec. 8	Paul Graban & wife	Stephen Walegir
Ohio	Alger	A of G	Dec. 11-22	Tanner Team	Evan P. Richards
Tex.	El Paso	First	Dec. 10-15	Zelma Argue	Wm. F. Hageman
	Ft. Stockton	A of G	Dec. 3—	Don George & wife	R. C. Dearman
	Hawkins	A of G	Nov. 30-Dec. 14	Jim Anderson & wife	Richard White
	Mineral Wells	First	Dec. 4—	Ken George	R. E. Maxwell
	Wellington	First	Dec. 1—	Elbert Smart	Joe Calabrese
Wyo.	Rawlins	Trinity	Dec. 3—	Arthur Arnold	Murray McLees

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

ance was the best of all the special meetings in the history of the church. To God be the glory! —Robert L. Clark, Pastor

► **PINEHURST, IDAHO**—The Valley Gospel Assembly of God enjoyed a mighty move of the Spirit of God recently during the ministry of Evangelist Cornelius Eylander of Everett, Wash. Seven were baptized in the Holy Spirit. This new work in Pinehurst is growing rapidly. Quentin Calapp is our pastor.

—Hasle Doyle, Secretary

► **OLNEY, ILL.**—The church here is still feeling the results of a 10-day evangelistic crusade with Evangelist Bill Sharp. The messages awakened the people to a need of spending more time in prayer. Everyone was delighted with the pictures that were painted each night. The newspaper and radio gave the meetings a prominent place in the local news. One night was highlighted when Missionary Vernon Pettinger showed his pictures of the revival in South Africa. The Sunday School attendance shows a steady increase, and there are unsaved people in every service.

—M. L. Doolin, Pastor

► **GREENSBORO, N. C.**—The Central Assembly of God here experienced an old-fashioned revival recently which was conducted by Evangelist H. M. Harrison of Durham, N. C. Prior to each service people gathered for prayer. That contributed much to the meetings. A number of souls were saved under the forceful preaching of Brother Harrison, and many experienced a healing touch from the Lord. Pastor and Mrs. Howard Fortenberry continue to be a real blessing to the church. They take special interest in visiting and praying for the sick and those who do not attend church anywhere.

—Jim Newsome, Church Secretary

► **CENTRALIA, WASH.**—The Assembly here enjoyed a Holy Ghost revival with Evangelist and Mrs. Wendell Reed. Each night for three weeks the atmosphere was charged with the power of God as the

Reeds ministered in song and in the Word. Souls were saved, some were filled with the Holy Spirit, and a number were healed. Each morning at 10:00 a.m. the evangelist ministered at a Bible study and prayer meeting. The church is still feeling the results of the meetings. The evangelists worked tirelessly and co-operated with the program of the church, promoting the finest fellowship throughout.

—A. W. Nelson, Pastor

► **DELAWARE, OHIO**—During recent months the church here has enjoyed two very profitable campaigns. The Cook Sisters first conducted meetings, and through their efforts the Sunday School took on new life which continues to the present time. In August, Evangelist and Mrs. A. G. Basell and the Basell Sisters conducted five weeks of meetings. Several bowed for salvation and for deeper experiences, and the whole church was moved upon by the Spirit of God. All Sunday School records were broken, with 102 in attendance one Sunday and 108 the next. To God be the glory.

—R. E. Howard, Pastor

► **WETUMKA, OKLA.**—In early September the church began morning and evening prayer meetings in preparation for a revival. Then, in October, Evangelist H. J. Hays of Santa Cruz, Calif. came to conduct meetings. Even though the meetings began on Monday night, the attendance was good. It increased from night to night until it was necessary to bring in extra chairs.

The first night, a young man in the back of the church raised his hands, and while the evangelist was preaching the Word he received his experience of Pentecost. From that time on the revival fires began to burn. One of the highlights of the meeting was when Mother Ballard, 88 years of age, received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. An elderly Spanish gentleman also received this experience. Eight were saved and 20 received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. The revival fires continue to burn. —Harold J. Baker, Pastor



CHURCH DEDICATED IN NEBRASKA

On September 10 an overflow crowd of 300 met in the new Assemblies of God church building in Holdrege, Nebraska, for the dedication. Revivaltime Evangelist C. M. Ward was the principal speaker. Holdrege Assembly is one of Nebraska's newest Home Missions projects. It is located just one block from each of two federal highways.

Just two years ago Ted Beyer was led by the Lord to go to Holdrege to start a work. He met a few people who were interested in Pentecost, including a couple of people who had been praying for a number of years for a Pentecostal work in that community. Beginning in August 1955, the services were held at first in the municipal auditorium.

About three months later the congregation had the opportunity to rent a portable tabernacle, and the city council granted permission for it to be erected. A kind landowner permitted the church to use his lots free of charge for over a year.

During the camp meeting of 1956 the Nebraska WMC's received the dimes which were saved all year for a Home Missions project. At their business meeting \$2,000 was designated for Holdrege Assembly to buy lots and start a building fund. The people of the church caught the spirit of giving, and \$800 was raised in a little while.

With only \$1,000 in the building fund the church decided to build, expecting to trust God when further financial needs arose. General plans for a church building were received from the District office, and immediately construction was begun.

The church is built of haydite blocks; it is 36 by 70 feet and has a full basement. Facilities include an auditorium, Sunday School rooms, an apartment for the pastor, office, study, nursery, and overflow room. The interior is decorated in powder blue. The woodwork is all natural finish. The building is appraised at \$20,000, but the actual cost was less than \$11,000 because most of the labor was donated. Less than \$5,000 had to be borrowed on the building. The church people are thankful for the help of the District and for the blessing of God.

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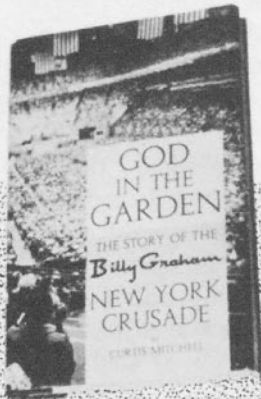
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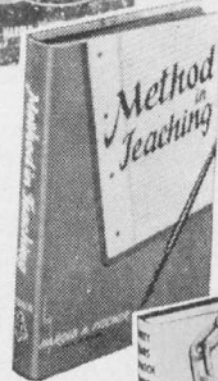
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A letter from Walter E. McAlister, chairman of the Advisory Committee which is making arrangements for the coming World Conference at Toronto, states that the prospects are very encouraging. Many hotel reservations are already coming in. One organization has reserved an entire floor in one hotel for their delegation.

"Our Swedish brethren have chartered a plane for 100 passengers," Brother McAlister writes. "We expect to have a different speaker at each service, and almost every speaker who has been invited has accepted the invitation."

"These invited speakers include well-known names such as Lewi Pethrus, Donald Gee, R. M. Riggs, Howard P. Courtney, Leonard Steiner, Nicholas

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"Let us make 1958 WORLD CONFERENCE YEAR in our Pentecostal fellowship throughout the earth. Please call your people to special prayer on behalf of this World Conference. It would be wonderful if all our churches throughout the earth would engage in special prayer in their Watch Night Services, December 31, to ask God's blessing on the World Conference.

"We are living in the most perilous

days of world history. Anything may happen (that is, anything that is not contrary to God's foreordained plan). The closing scenes of this present age may take place at any time. International tensions in certain quarters are terrific. We are becoming so accustomed to serious warnings that they no longer startle us. One of these days some world leader may follow through with his threat of an atomic war.

"Let us pray that if Jesus tarries until September this World Conference may witness a visitation of the power and presence of God among us that will enable us to understand, and that will cause our hearts to be gripped with, the Conference theme—'The Purpose of God in the Pentecostal Movement for This Hour.'"



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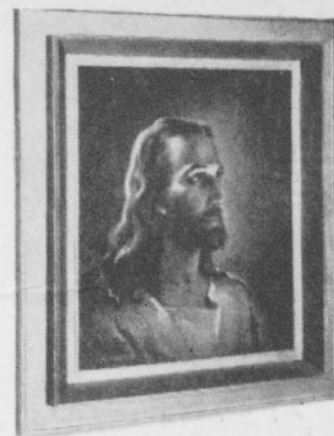
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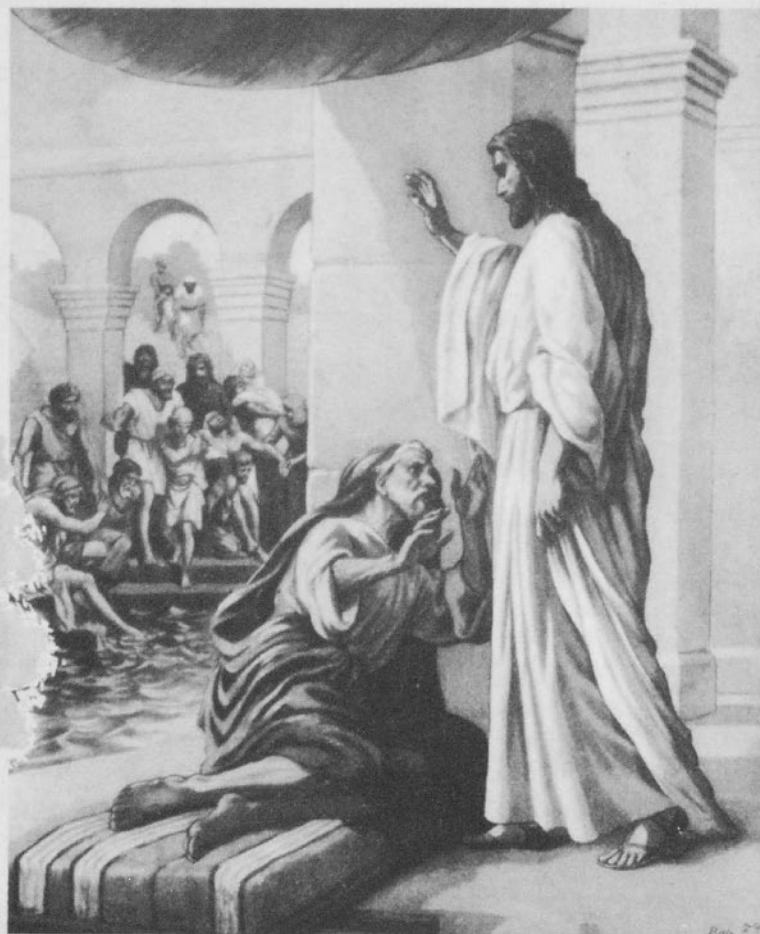
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Pools of Distraction

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AT JERUSALEM IN THE TIME OF CHRIST THERE WAS A pool called Bethesda near the sheep market (John 5:2-9). In the five porches of this pool “lay a great multitude of impotent folk, of blind, halt, withered, waiting for the moving of the water. For an angel went down at a certain season into the pool, and troubled the water: whosoever then first after the troubling of the water stepped in was made whole of whatsoever disease he had.”

At this pool there was a man who had been ill for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him he recognized his need and said, “Wilt thou be made whole?”

“The impotent man answered him, Sir, I have no man, when the water is troubled, to put me into the pool: but while I am coming, another steppeth down before me. Jesus saith unto him, Rise, take up thy bed, and walk. And immediately the man was made whole, and took up his bed and walked.”

Some ancient manuscripts do not contain the fourth verse of this chapter, the verse which mentions an angel’s coming to trouble the water; therefore some Bible students are of the opinion that this verse was originally a footnote on some manuscript, recording a legend, and was copied by other translators as a part of the true record. Regardless of whether this verse is the record of a superstitious belief or a true occurrence, the fact remains that the impotent man had long been waiting in vain at this pool, watch-

ing the waters and desiring a miraculous healing for his body.

When Jesus saw this impotent man He asked him, “Wilt thou be made whole?” Surely the man wanted his body healed or he would not have waited so long at this particular spot. Then why did Jesus ask this question? I believe it was for the purpose of causing the man to get his mind off the pool and onto Christ.

There are many “pools” upon which mankind center their efforts and their faith instead of Christ. Some have been standing by the pool of church membership for many years and still have had no spiritual change in their lives. Joining a church or other commendable organizations, turning over a new leaf and doing good works, or faithfully performing religious rituals and ceremonies will not bring about a transformation in the heart and life of a spiritually impotent individual. There is only one way this spiritual transformation can be wrought in any needy individual—not by standing around the pools and waiting for a moving of the waters, but by trusting in the Man of Galilee, who stands nearby, bidding whosoever will to come unto Him.

Many of us long to see a great, stirring religious revival. This, too, will never be brought about by our standing around pools, no matter how sacred and hallowed they may be, and waiting for a moving of the waters. Regardless of what our spiritual need might be, we will receive it only by trusting in a Person, the Lord Jesus Christ.