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



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☆ **IT'S A MUST!**
☆ **The Importance of a
Christian Home**

☆ **We Walked With God**
☆ *Set Free From Sin and Death*
☆ **The Joy of Soul Winning**

Four Good Tests

There are four good tests by which we may determine whether a doubtful practice is right or wrong. Of course, some practices are so clearly wrong that they pose no problem. We who love God with all our hearts would not think of indulging in conduct that is expressly forbidden in the Scriptures. It is the "borderline practices" (on which the Bible is silent) that cause the difficulty.

Evidently the Christians at Rome had similar problems. Some of them felt free to eat meat; others would eat only herbs. Some felt duty-bound to observe certain days as holy; others esteemed every day alike. In the absence of a definite "Thus saith the Lord" on these subjects Paul told the Roman church to apply the rules of Christian charity. From his Epistle to them (chapter 14) we may form four rules to follow when in doubt about some course of action.

1. *Will God be pleased if I do this thing?* Verse 12 says, "Every one of us shall give account of himself to God." When you stand before the Lord to give an account of the deeds done in the body, will you have any regret whatever that you had done this thing?

2. *Will this action compromise my Christian testimony in any way?* Verse 16 says, "Let not then your good be evil spoken of." You are commanded to "abstain from all appearance of evil." Though you may feel at liberty to do this thing, will other people misunderstand? If they see you doing things which they consider wrong, even though you consider them right, will they have faith in your testimony?

3. *Will I be setting a good example for younger Christians?* Verse 21 says, "It is good neither to eat flesh, nor drink wine, nor any thing whereby thy brother stumbleth, or is offended, or is made weak." In the matter of wine, for example, you might be able to drink in moderation, but a new convert might be stumbled because if he drinks he cannot be temperate. Your example would lead him back into sin. It is better to drink no wine whatever, rather than set a snare for younger Christians.

4. *Will my conscience be disturbed the least bit by doing this?* Verse 23 says, "Whatsoever is not of faith is sin." A good conscience is a priceless possession. It is better that other people should consider you narrow, over-sensitive, or old-fashioned than that you surrender your peace of mind in order to conform.

Some people are very sensitive by nature and they deny themselves certain freedoms which the Lord probably would allow. Others are so constituted that they are inclined to take liberty and indulge in "borderline practices." We must decide for ourselves whether we can do these things without (1) displeasing God, (2) tarnishing our testimony, (3) setting a poor example for younger Christians, or (4) disturbing our conscience. Then, having decided what is right for us to do, we should let others decide what is right for them to do, and not try to force them to conform to our views.

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The Saviour who once "must needs go through Samaria" to minister to a lone woman by a well, saw a woman in Rome who needed the same gospel, and altered His evangelists' plans accordingly.

STANDING ON THE DECK OF THE Norwegian freighter that had brought us from Peru to Holland, my husband and I reread the letter from Italy. It contained the news that our evangelistic work, which we had expected to begin almost immediately, was to be delayed one week. We were disappointed, for we had looked forward to plunging right into this service for the Lord. Little did we know what God had in store for us in this week of seeming delay.

We made our way to Rome in a leisurely manner and arrived there the following Thursday evening. The next afternoon we went down to the American Express to transact some business; as we pushed open the door it was good



We Walked With God That Day

BY INEZ STURGEON

to hear the sound of voices speaking English. We joined the long line of people waiting before a certain window.

"I'll wait for you over here where there is more room," I told my husband. As I moved to one side I stopped near a woman who smiled at me.

"There is such a crowd that I decided to wait for a little while," she said.

I saw that she was a beautifully dressed woman. Everything about her bespoke wealth—from the mink stole wrapped around her shoulders to the diamonds that flashed their multi-colored light from the rings on her fingers and the bracelet on her arm.

"I am fortunate; my husband is taking care of our business while I wait," I smiled at her. "You are an American?"

"Yes, I am," she answered pleasantly, and followed with the stock question of all Americans who meet abroad: "From what part of the United States are you?"

"We are from California."

Surprise and delight showed on her face. "Well, how wonderful, so am I. I am from. . ."

"This is a coincidence, so are we!"

Hungrily she looked at me. "Oh, this is wonderful. Come, I must talk with you." She took my arm and drew me to a bench in a rather secluded spot. "I have been wanting to talk with someone from home." She then told me of the businesses she owned; I had made purchases there. She told me of the apartment houses she owned; we had friends who lived there. It was like breathing the sea breeze from the Pacific to talk with her.

"I flew over the North Pole to Denmark and then bought a car and have driven all over these countries. There are many interesting things to see," she continued. As she told me of the many places she had been, it seemed as though all her feelings had been pent up within her too long and now they gushed forth in a flood of words.

Gradually I became aware of an underlying sadness which weighted her

words, and after a very slight pause this too came to the surface. "I have been traveling all alone, and that is no fun. I write letters home to my friends, and in order not to disappoint them I keep the letters light and don't tell them I am not enjoying myself. Then, too, I have been ill and under doctors' care in two cities en route here."

Sensing her dissatisfaction and seeing the wistful longing in her eyes, I felt the Holy Spirit prompt me that this meeting was by Divine appointment. I became very alert to await the opening I felt the Lord would give me to speak to this woman about eternal things; I breathed a prayer for guidance for the right words to help her.

Her words continued to pour forth. She talked about her unhappiness at home, her decision to travel to try to forget, and her failure to find happiness.

Suddenly I was conscious that my husband had come to my side and was waiting for me. Turning to him, I made the introductions and explained

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Set Free

From the Law of Sin and Death

By M. B. NETZEL, General Treasurer, Assemblies of God

THERE IS A NATURAL LIFE AND there is a spiritual life. The life that was in Christ Jesus at His birth differed from the life that is in any other human being at birth. Ever since creation, the whole human race, with but a single exception, has been conceived by man and woman. The only exception was Christ Jesus. He was conceived of a virgin by the overshadowing of the Holy Spirit (Luke 1: 35). He was called "that holy thing" because the life that was resident in Him was not man's corruptible life but the Spirit's life.

Likewise, He was the immutable, eternal Word of God from the beginning, who by supernatural birth was made flesh that He might dwell among men. In like manner, a person becomes a child of God only when he is miraculously born again by the Holy Spirit and the Word of God.

Some believe that people may be taught to be Christians. Surely Bible teaching is necessary to Christian living, and is often neglected, but the New Birth is not something that is attained through education or self-effort. It is an experience wrought in us by God, as supernatural in its nature as the Virgin Birth of Christ.

Romans 8:1, 2 says: "There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh but after the Spirit. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of *sin* and *death*." Another translation of this second verse reads, "The law of the Spirit's life in Christ Jesus."

This verse, upon which I invite you to meditate, points out three forces that are in the world—sin, death, and the Spirit's life in Christ Jesus.

The text states that the law of the Spirit of life makes us free from the law of sin and death. A law can be overcome only by a stronger law. Some laws are more or less commonly accepted, as, for instance, the law of division of matter. For centuries the smallest thing known to man was the atom. It was so named because man thought it to be indivisible. But in our generation the atom has been divided, or split. But never, *never*, aside from the law of the Spirit's life in Christ Jesus—regardless of man's endeavor in science and in social education—can the law of sin and death be broken.

Let us think now, specifically, of the law of sin and death. Men, in their desire to curb sin, are failing actually to resort to the one power that can overcome sin.

In the beginning God created man in His own likeness. It has been taught by some that this was entirely a physical likeness, and doubtless there was a physical similarity; but I would also emphasize that there was a likeness in character. God placed man in the Garden of Eden in a state of innocence.

We may liken righteousness, innocence, and sinfulness to three steps. God placed man on the middle step, and had he obeyed God he could have stepped up into righteousness; instead, by disobeying God, he stepped down into sinfulness, subjugating the human race to the humanly unconquerable law



of sin and death. By obedience to God, man's sonship could have been eternally secured; but by disobedience to God he was actually born from beneath. He became a child of disobedience and can become a child of obedience only by being born again by the Spirit of truth and the Word of truth.

The power of sin is prevalent in the world. Though created in the image of God, by sin mankind became children of disobedience. Genesis 5:3 tells us that Adam begat a son "in his own likeness." If Adam, who was made in the likeness of God, had maintained that likeness by obedience, he would have begotten offspring in the likeness of God, as well as in the likeness of himself. But Adam was disobedient, and that spirit of disobedience was inherited by his descendants. This spirit of disobedience in the human race will continue until, in the last generation, man will march under the banner of untruth and ungodliness in rebellion against the Son of God as He comes from heaven.

Let us notice the continued prevalence of sin and the increase of the spirit of disobedience.

In the *second generation* man was so dominated by sin that a man dared to take the life of his brother.

In the *seventh generation*, sin had become so dominant that man dared to set aside the original institution of mar-

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THE Joy OF SOUL WINNING

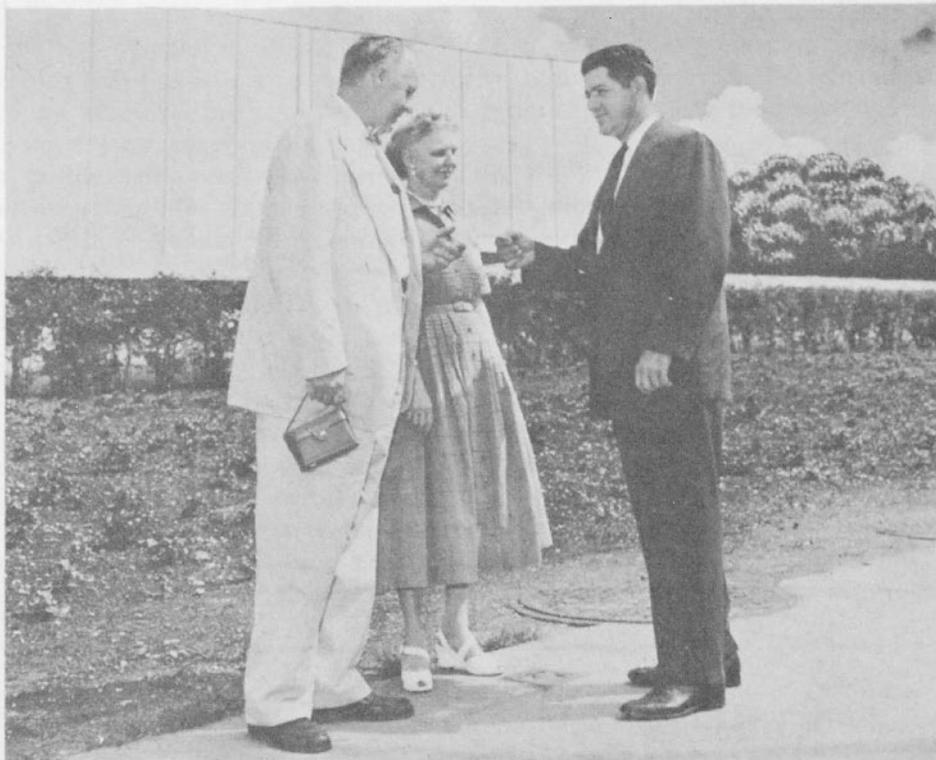
BY M. A. GROFF

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HOW OFTEN IN THE CONGREGATION of the saints there sits an innumerable company who have never known the joy of personally leading a soul to Christ. The alarming thing about it is that many of that host have within their own blood line, even in their own homes, unsaved dear ones with whom they have never spoken about accepting the Lord. If only God's children could be brought to an awareness of what joy there is in soul winning, surely there would be a vastly greater number of personal workers among us today.

Webster defines joy as "an emotion of keen or lively pleasure arising from good; great gladness; delight; the manifestation of glad feeling." Of course there are many kinds of joy, each bringing its own peculiar emotion. I recall the particular joy that was mine when I first held our baby daughter. Up until that moment the word "precious" had not been a part of my vocabulary except as an expression of sarcasm. It was an altogether feminine word to be employed teasingly or contemptuously. But when that tiny God-sent human was placed in my arms and I looked into that angelic face for the first time my spontaneous exclamation of joy was, "Isn't she precious!" I had become a father and was feeling a new and peculiar joy.

The joy brought about by salvation is in a field all its own. The exuberant, intoxicating joy that results with the infilling of the Holy Spirit is a joy one never knows until it occurs in his own life. Likewise, the joy of winning a soul to God—being able through the help of the Spirit to literally snatch a brand from the burning—is a joy unequalled and one which a person may never know except by this particular experience.



JOY IN PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP

To those who would experience the joy of the soul winner, we would pass on the cry of the Psalmist who said, "Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation . . . then will I teach transgressors thy ways. . . ." One of the first requirements of a soul winner is joy in his own experience, for then and only then can he convince a sinner there is something real in salvation. A moody, sarcastic Christian will never win a soul to Christ.

GOING

We find the remainder of the soul-winning formula in Psalm 126:6—"He that goeth forth. . . ." You can never win a soul until you get busy at it! If you are waiting until someone stumbles at your feet and inquires the way of salvation, you probably will never get to minister to the lost. You must *make it a point* to speak to the sinner about his condition if you would ever lead him to God. Wishful thinking, hoping, and even prayer itself will not suffice for GOING, for that is God's

way and nothing will take its place.

WEEPING

"He that goeth forth and weepeth. . . ." The weeping, in all probability has taken place prior to the going, for it takes nothing short of great weighing down to move us from our lethargy towards the lost. Until the Christian comes to a realization of what it means for a man to lose his soul he will not bestir himself to meet his obligation to the hell-bound about him. It is very likely that each of us knows that such an obligation exists, but until we are bowed in our spirits over their spending eternity away from the love of God we will make little or no contribution toward presenting them to our Master.

Dreadful it is to learn of Christians who have carried no burden for a lost relative or friend until they have faced the finality of the stare of death; and then the burden crushes them—too late! If in our Christian walk we have failed to carry the soul burden, how great

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should be the plea, "Lord, fit me to bear the load of the lost and give me that burden ere I spend one day around the casket of a friend or loved one who died without my ever speaking to them of Thee!"

The thought is staggering when we see how much there is to weep over and how few are weeping. I have personally dealt with the lost who apparently could not be reached with cold logic or true preaching, but they had no argument for tears which told them surely their soul was worth saving.

"BEARING PRECIOUS SEED"

Having gone to that lost one because of the burden, we must have a sure Word to give him. Thus we are shown the picture of the soul winner "bearing precious seed," the Word of God. Relating our own or another's experience may prove inspirational and helpful in some cases, but the man who is lost needs something to show that HE TOO has a place in this great plan of salvation. Nothing will substitute for "Thus saith the Lord"! When you can show an unbeliever that Scripture de-

clares that Christ would in NO wise cast out those who came to Him, and that the very reason He took the form of man and died was to save that which was lost, it will carry more weight than all the reasoning in the world.

CERTAINTY OF RESULTS

Finally, O glorious provision! we have the absolute assurance of God's Word that we shall "doubtless come again with rejoicing," bringing our sheaves with us—and that rejoicing will exceed any you have ever known. The writer to the Hebrews (chapter twelve, verse two) says that Christ endured the humiliation and agony of the cross, despised the shame and suffering of crucifixion "for the joy that was set before Him," the joy of seeing the lost race reconciled to God!

Until the Christian knows what it is to be devoid of appetite, sleepless and restless over the condition of a lost soul, and then has seen that soul established in Christ with his feet set upon solid rock and his name written in the Book of Life, he has missed a joy which he can never fathom.

I vividly remember when as quite a young man travelling with an evangelistic party God laid a burden for three young men upon my heart. We were guests at a camp meeting in Raleigh, North Carolina, and I had met these three and become friendly with them during the camp. One evening while the invitation was being extended to the lost the Lord let me know that I should speak to them about their souls. I argued with Him, saying that my place was at the piano during the invitation and that I had no business meandering about the congregation. Immediately my hands began to tremble with such a palsy that I was unable to strike a right chord, and I hurriedly left the keyboard and sought out the nearest of them in the audience.

I had not been accustomed to dealing with people in such a personal fashion, and I was at a near loss for conversation, but I asked him if he wouldn't come pray with us. His only answer was a blank stare without even a semblance of recognition. Receiving no answer I rushed blindly across the aisle to the second one, only to be met with

It's a "MUST!"

There are some things in life that are not optional

CHRISTIANITY IS BUTTRESSED WITH certain imperatives that can be neither evaded nor explained away. The doctrines of the gospel are clear-cut, forceful, dynamic. They are never nebulous. Therefore, when the gospel preacher delivers his message he must always mean what he says and say what he means. He must make known God's imperatives.

I

There are three *musts* in John 3 that arrest the attention and challenge one's heart and mind and will. The first is the *must of the New Birth*. It was spoken by Christ in that memorable

heart-to-heart talk with Nicodemus: "Ye *must* be born again" (v. 7).

The impact of this word *must* have been tremendous. Nicodemus never expected it. He was a master in Israel, possibly the finest Jewish mind in his day—if you exclude the younger man who came from Tarsus. Born again! How? When? Why? (He should have remembered the words of Ezekiel in chapter 36:26-28.)

Though Nicodemus might question it, dispute it, argue against it, and even try to refute it, this *must* is an immovable rock that forever stands. To his credit let it be said that Nicodemus

bowed to the authority of this *must*. He believed in the only begotten Son of God and was born from above.

II

The second *must* is the *must of the Cross*. "So *must* the Son of man be lifted up" (v. 14). The lowly Man of Sorrows had lived sinlessly and toiled ceaselessly in a defiling world. His record remained untarnished. He was holy, harmless, undefiled. His teaching was unique—He spoke as no other man ever spoke. His example was perfect—in Him the Father found full delight.

However, it was not by His sinless life that Christ accomplished our redemption. He had to *die*; He must shed His precious blood, for it is the blood that makes an atonement for the soul. Like the scapegoat of the Old Testament, He bore away our sin. As the sin offering He was made sin and became accursed. His was the ignominy and the agony of that shameful death.

The Cross was the greatest of God's imperatives. No historical event could ever supersede it; no happening in God's universe will ever render it null or void. The necessity of the Cross was known before time began; its blessed results will be enjoyed long after time shall be no more.

the same response. When finally I spoke to the third one he, too, seemed to ignore my pleading and I returned, heavy-hearted, to the altar to beseech God in their behalf.

My burden for those young men remained with me every hour for the next few days. When the last day of the camp had come and they seemed no nearer a decision for Christ, I decided to remain in the tabernacle and pray. For the first time in my life I felt God would also have me to fast, so while others engaged in friendly table talk I was wrestling in prayer, pleading by the blood of Jesus that the devil would be unable to gain entrance during the evening service. I felt assurance in my heart that to see the victory won, all that would be needed was for those three to show up for the final service...and they did!

I had purposed in my heart to speak to them again that night, but the first words of the invitation had scarcely been uttered before those three young men, in different places in the congregation, got on their feet and moved

toward the altar and God! What joy—what lightness of spirit came over me. When we drove out of Raleigh that night I felt as if I were travelling with wings! Hallelujah! The burden had been lifted, and in its place had

come the most incredible joy I had ever known. God has given me that joy on many occasions since that night; it never ceases to abound each time I see a sinner respond to the call to give himself to the Lord. ◀ ◀



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III

The third *must* was the *must of Christ's exaltation and John's self-abnegation*. "He must increase, but I must decrease" (v. 30). John was the servant; Christ, the King. John was from beneath; Christ, from above. John was a voice; Christ, the Eternal Word. Christ was the Bridegroom. John was the friend of the Bridegroom, whose joy was fulfilled when he stood by Christ's side and heard His voice.

John marks out for us all the path

BIBLE VERSE



I TIMOTHY 4:16

Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee.

of true greatness, for the lower we become the higher will God lift us. "I must decrease," he said. Have you ever labored hard and felt at the end of your toil and labor that it had all gone past without reward and without recognition? At such times the words of the Baptist may be applied as a healing balm to the soul. *I must decrease*. Then let me labor on unnoticed and unrecognized.

"Humility," said Andrew Murray, "is perfect quietness of heart. It is to have no trouble. It is never to be fretted, or vexed, or irritated, or sore, or disappointed. It is to expect nothing, to wonder at nothing that is done to me, to feel nothing against me. It is to be at rest when nobody praises me, and when I am blamed or despised. It is to be at home in the Lord where I can go in and shut the door...and be at peace when all around is trouble."

—Indian Christian

Faith sees the glory of the future in the gloom of the present. The power of drawing a brighter future into a dark present belongs not to those who build anticipations on wishes, but to those who found their forecasts on God's known purpose and character.

—W. G. Scroggie

Child Healed of Cancer

In January 1957 our three-year-old daughter Joan had what we thought to be a swollen gland on the left side of her neck. It remained swollen, and finally broke through and became an open sore which did not heal. By June 1957 the sore had eaten a hole through her neck, so that her tonsil could be seen from the outside.

The doctor had pronounced this an eating cancer. The church was praying for Joan's healing and had been doing so for months. We finally decided to take her to the Children's Hospital in Denver. But to our surprise and joy, the morning we were to take her to the hospital we found the opening in her neck was completely closed, as though it had been sewed up without any stitches. That was last July. Now the scar is disappearing also. We praise the Lord for this marvelous instant healing.—Johnnie Farr, Fort Collins, Colo.

(Endorsed by V. H. Glendening, Pastor, Glad Tidings Assembly, Fort Collins, Colo.)



THIS PRESENT WORLD

Education

BACCALAUREATE SERVICES CAUSE INTER-FAITH CONTROVERSY

All Roman Catholics in Maine have been forbidden to attend high-school baccalaureate services whether they are held in churches, schools, or other meeting places. Bishop Daniel J. Feeney made the ruling in his annual letter to priests of the diocese. His ruling is based on the fact that Catholics are not permitted to attend non-Catholic religious services.

Bishop Feeney said the "format" of the baccalaureate services "is always that of New England Congregationalism." He said Catholic priests, students, and parents may not participate in baccalaureate services, but may take part in graduation exercises since these do not constitute a religious service.

Thirty-one Protestant clergymen of Greater Portland issued a joint statement in favor of the baccalaureate services. They said such services recognize "the basic truth that our education and democracy have their foundation in the Judaeo-Christian faith." They expressed the wish that Catholics, Jews, and Protestants might unite in providing leadership for these services.

In most parts of the nation, plans for baccalaureate services are proceeding as usual; but in Minneapolis, Minnesota, three high schools have substituted "dedication programs" for the traditional baccalaureate services in order to eliminate religious characteristics and avoid controversy.

At Wheeling, W. Va., the Marshall County School Board has made attendance at baccalaureate services this year optional. Graduating students will be excused if they present a note signed by them and a parent.

TEACHERS IN CHURCH COLLEGES FOUND TO BE UNDERPAID

The U. S. government has made a survey of college teachers' salaries and has found that teachers in church-related colleges receive much less pay than those in other schools. A full professor in the average church college gets \$6,540 a year, whereas in state teachers colleges

the salary is \$7,440 and in state universities \$8,940.

Associate professors in the church colleges get \$5,440 a year; assistant professors \$4,760; instructors \$4,110. These average figures are 23 per cent below those paid in state universities. The boards of church schools point out that the schools' income will not permit the payment of higher salaries. If Christian people would support their schools with more donations, the budgets would not be so pinched. The fact that teachers are willing to serve at reduced salary levels is a sign of sacrifice and devotion to Christ on their part.

ALL CHILDREN MUST GET SHOTS

The Kentucky Senate passed a bill requiring that all school children be inoculated against polio, and voted down an amendment which would have excused children from complying with this law if their religious views conflicted with the practice. (The amendment specifically named Christian Scientists, who requested the exemption.)

ATHEIST IS DENIED THE RIGHT TO TEACH AT MIAMI UNIVERSITY

Thomas C. Robinson of Miami, Florida, was denied the right to be a student teacher at the University of Miami because of his views as a "militant and fanatical atheist." He took the case into Circuit Court and lost. He then appealed to a higher court. The Third District Court of Appeals, at Miami, recently announced its decision. The appellate court upheld the right of the university and the county school board to deny the 37-year-old atheist the opportunity to intern for a teaching position in the county's school system.

"It seems obvious," the Court said, "that the university should consider itself under a duty and obligation not to graduate, and release with the stamp of its academic approval, a new teacher having attitudes or fanatical ideas, such as with reference to atheism, which if imposed on impressionable minds... with whom he must come in contact would be calculated to their detriment and injury."

Communism

RELIGIOUS PERSECUTION FAILS IN U.S.S.R., SAYS EVANGELIST

Hyman J. Appelman, an evangelist who returned recently from a three-week visit to Russia, said the Soviets have relaxed their active persecution of religion because "the people just kept on being religious." He said the major problems facing churches in the U.S.S.R. today are the shortage of ministers, lack of facilities, and inability to print religious literature.

The Russian-born evangelist said the low percentage of men and young people attending church services in White Russia was "tragic," but, he added, the percentage was higher in the Ukraine. He said that wherever he went in Russia he found "the slavery of propaganda, unchangeable jobs, controlled thought, and a strictly supervised press, radio, and TV."

Dr. Appelman addressed the 29th annual meeting of the New England Fellowship of Evangelicals, held at Boston. The N.E.F.E. now claims more than 600 churches in six states.

KHRUSHCHEV TESTIFIES

Nikita S. Khrushchev, in an interview at Moscow shortly before he was elected by the Supreme Soviet to be Premier of the U.S.S.R., reaffirmed his belief that "there is no God." The 63-year-old Ukrainian, who is now Russia's most powerful figure since the death of Stalin, said the question of religious belief is "a private matter for each person." However, he did not hesitate to give his own position. "I think that there is no God, and for a long time I have had such an idea," he said. "I am an adherent of a scientific outlook. Science and the belief in supernatural powers cannot go together."

GERMAN BANNED AT POLISH CHURCH SERVICES

Communist authorities in the German-inhabited areas of Poland have banned the use of the German language at Protestant church services there, the West German Radio reported.

Miscellaneous

ANNUAL CONVENTION TO BE IN PHILADELPHIA

The sixth annual convention of the Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship International will be in Philadelphia, Pa., June 30 to July 4, 1958. Sessions will be in the Bellevue-Stratford Hotel.

Further information can be obtained from the Executive Secretary, Irvine J. Harrison, Box 711, Los Angeles 53, Calif.

ELDERLY DANISH MISSIONARY REMAINS IN RED CHINA

Ellen Nielsen, a Danish-born missionary, has lived in Manchuria for 59 years. She established a mission for women with a thriving school of domestic science, a handicraft shop, and a small dairy farm to support it. Some years ago the People's Liberation Army came and closed her school, but still she was allowed to visit among the people. Miss Nielson, now 89 years of age, is now a citizen of China and has decided to spend the rest of her days in that land.

Last month she turned down another invitation from the Danish Missionary Association to return to her native land. She wrote: "I am happy. I do not wish to leave. I must stay and look after the Christians here." She says the government looks after her needs. "I receive my flour ration, and also a little meat. I must be thankful for small mercies."

MOSLEM ISLAND NEEDS MISSIONARIES

Madura, a small island just north of Surabaya, Java, has a population of more than two million fanatical Moslems. According to *Far East News Service* there is not a single Christian worker residing on the island. A handful of Chinese and Indonesian Christians from neighboring areas visit the island to do gospel work, but there is no Christian missionary or minister living there and believers are very few.

By way of contrast, nearby Surabaya has more than 65 churches—but the Madurese are known as a devout Moslem tribe, quick-tempered and easily aroused. During the Dutch colonial period Madura was one of the islands where gospel preaching was prohibited, in order to avoid trouble. Today, with the door open, no one is entering it. Pray for the two million Christless souls on this island.

EVANGEL DEADLINE

... LATE NEWS AT PRESS TIME

NEW APPOINTMENTS have been announced by Central Bible Institute and Evangel College, Springfield, Missouri, to become effective after the close of the present school year. The administration of the two schools will be merged under the leadership of J. Robert Ashcroft, president; Fred Lessten, business manager; and Grant Wacker, public relations director. At Central Bible Institute, T. A. Kessel will continue to serve as dean and O. E. Gaugh as dean of admissions. At Evangel College, Klaude Kendrick will be dean and Wilmoth C. Price will remain as registrar. A fourth year will be added to the curriculum at Evangel College in the fall of 1958.

ANDREW E. SPENCE, formerly an Assemblies of God missionary in Central America, has become president of South-Eastern Bible College at Lakeland, Florida. He succeeds Cyril E. Homer, who resigned to become pastor of Bethel Temple in Dayton, Ohio. During Brother Homer's three-year administration, enrollment at SEBC increased from 175 to 250 and a fourth year was added to the curriculum. Brother Spence is well qualified for his new post, having had several years' experience as a teacher and administrator in public schools. He holds an M. A. degree from the University of South Carolina.

CHURCH CONSTRUCTION IS DECLINING, apparently because of the impact of the current business recession. The U. S. Government reported that construction of new churches dropped \$3,000,000 during March from the February level, although ordinarily a seasonal increase occurs in building activity at this time. New construction was estimated at \$61,000,000 which was \$2,000,000 less than the total for the same month in 1957.

A WELL-KNOWN MISSIONARY CRASHED to his death April 5 while distributing Gospels from a plane about fifty miles east of Toluca, Mexico. He was Nyles Huffman, Director of the Air Mail from God Mission. His Mexican mechanic died with him in the crash, the cause of which is not yet known. (A year ago Ansel Allen, one of the AMFG pilots, was shot down and killed near this same city. During the past nine years the AMFG missionaries dropped over seven million specially-prepared Gospels on remote sections of Mexico.

DIRECTORS OF CHRISTIAN BUSINESS MEN'S Committee International, at their mid-year meeting in Winnipeg, Canada, May 9-11, will discuss a national advertising program that would place a spiritual message in such publications as *Time*, *Newsweek*, *U. S. News & World Report*, *Fortune*, and *Wall Street Journal*. Walter F. Bennett, Chicago advertising executive, is handling preparation of the ads.

A SOUR NOTE WAS INJECTED in the happy celebration of Christ's Resurrection in Lexington, Kentucky, by a Methodist minister who told the local Kiwanis Club that Christ "may not have died on the cross," after all. Dr. David W. Soper, chairman of the religion department at Beloit College (Beloit, Wis.) said there was a "definite possibility" that Christ had been taken down from the cross "in a coma, but alive, and thus never rose from the dead." Other Methodist ministers and churchmen of various denominations indignantly protested these statements. A local newspaper, the *Lexington Herald*, also criticized Dr. Soper for his remarks. In an editorial the daily said "his use of the Kiwanis Club as a sounding board for the enunciation of this particular idea was ill-chosen and his premises were ridiculous."



This waterfall, Cataratas del Iguazu, is two miles wide and 275 feet high.

Land of the Guarani... **PARAGUAY**

BY M. L. HODGES

Field Secretary for Latin America

We have visited both Paraguay and Uruguay. These two countries are located close to each other and have names sufficiently similar to give the impression that they might be twin republics. However, the contrasts are more apparent than the resemblances.

The *Conquistadores* destroyed and drove out the Indian population and Uruguay's population is now almost

entirely European. In Paraguay, the Indians absorbed the conquerors. Indian influence is strong. The population is bilingual with Spanish, the official language, running second to Guarani, the Indian tongue, in popular usage.

Uruguay is a land of grassy plains and beautiful seashores. Paraguay is a land of rivers, swamps and forests,

with no seacoast. Uruguay is modern, especially in the capital city of Montevideo, while Paraguay is the forgotten land, largely bypassed by the modern world. Only recently has running water been provided in the capital city of Asuncion (300,000 inhabitants); and there is still no drainage, so that the streets fill with water during each rain-storm. The second city of the republic, Encarnacion, can boast of only two or three blocks of cobblestone paving.

There are reasons for the fact that Paraguay has not kept pace with the modern world. Besides the fact that it is an inland nation, Paraguay has been drained financially and in manpower by two desperate wars with her neighbors. So great was the loss sustained that at one time it was estimated that the women outnumbered the men seven to one. This imbalance still exists to a lesser degree. It not only deprives the nation of initiative but has resulted in a lamentable weakening of the moral fiber of the nation. The shortage of manpower, together with the financial drain of the costly wars, has caused the nation to lag in civic improvements. During recent years there has been an influx of Russian and Japanese immigrants, which will undoubtedly influence the economy of the country.

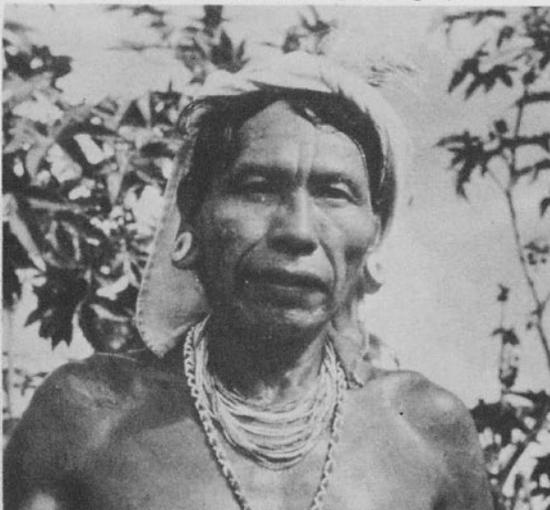
Things we shall remember about Paraguay:

The lace-like pattern of its many rivers and lagoons as seen from the air; barefooted soldiers on drill; a bus filled with terrified passengers, its brakes having failed, running pell-mell down the main street of the city; the heat and humidity of a summer night in Asuncion; a glimpse of Indian life in the rough in the Indian villages

Indian huts near the Capital



Indian—unreached by the gospel



Street scene, Asuncion, Paraguay



across the river from Asuncion; multitudes without the gospel; the warmth and friendliness of the Paraguayans, and the wonderful reception we received from the Christians.

We visited three Assemblies of God churches in Paraguay. Heavy rains closed the roads so that we could not visit a fourth. There are signs of growth and much to encourage our missionaries. Some of the workers preach in Guarani. Brother and Sister Paul Hutsell, who came here eight months ago to fill an emergency need, feel that God would have them stay on for a few more months and help with the work. They have been joined by the Leonard Emorys, who have just come from Costa Rica, where they have been in language school; they will be stationed here. This is the first time that we have had two missionary couples at the same time stationed in Paraguay. This has encouraged the four existing churches; besides, calls are coming from six other points, requesting the visit of a missionary. There is every reason to expect a period of real expansion.

We preached for a week in the main church in Asuncion and held special meetings for the ministers during the day. Plans have been projected which will eventually result in the organizing of the work on a national basis.

Paraguay is one of the neediest mission fields in South America and, at the same time, one of the most promising. Pray for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit. This is a land that challenges the faith, zeal and consecration of our missionaries. God will grant a glorious victory as we stand together to meet the need of this land. ◀◀

Bringing produce to market



A TRUE STORY

When Bandits Roamed



During an occasion when banditry was rife in China, a missionary and a Chinese assistant traveled to a nearby city to draw money from the bank for their hospital work. They were unable to complete their return journey in one day, and so it was necessary for them to camp on the top of a little hill for the night. Realizing their danger, they prayed for protection before lying down to rest with their box, containing the money, between them. When they awoke at daybreak they were thankful that no harm had come to them.

Some months later a brigand chief was brought into their hospital for treatment, and in the course of conversation with the missionary he said: "A little while ago you went to a certain city and brought back a lot of money."

"Yes," the missionary replied. "And you camped at night on the

top of a little hill, and you had soldiers with you."

"Yes, we did camp at that place for the night, but we had no soldiers with us."

"Oh, but you did," the bandit chief said. "We intended to rob you that night, but when we saw the soldiers we feared they would resist and we left you alone. I know there were soldiers with you, for I counted them, and there were twenty-seven."

Some time afterward, when this story was related at a meeting in England, a man present asked the speaker, "Can you tell me the date when this happened?"

"Yes," replied the missionary, "it is very vivid in my mind so that I shall never forget," and he gave the date.

"I thought so," responded the man who had questioned the speaker. "On that evening a group of us met in our church to pray especially for missionaries in China." Then looking at his diary he added, "And there were just twenty-seven of us present in prayer." —Standard Bearer

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CONTRIBUTIONS

Alabama	\$ 3,088.32	N. Texas	11,473.53
Appalachian ..	424.05	Nrthwest	21,683.73
Arizona	3,162.81	Ohio	10,939.30
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Total Amount Reported	\$352,872.11
District Funds	\$10,405.88
National Home Missions	2,388.63
Office Expense	3,395.48
Given Direct to Missionaries	8,937.65
	25,127.64

Received for Council Missionaries	\$327,744.47
Received for Non-Council Missionaries	4,203.38
Missionary offerings not allocated to any State	15,044.41
Total Receipts	\$346,992.26

DISBURSEMENTS

Support of Missionary Personnel	\$133,532.36
Missionary Equipment	37,478.21
Missionary Work	64,090.63
National Workers Abroad	8,105.95
Buildings in Foreign Lands	29,466.72
Missionary Transportation	63,573.18
	\$336,247.05
Transferred to "Hold" Accounts	10,745.21
	\$346,992.26

Focusing on VICTORY

By MARJORIE LOOMIS, Corbin, Kentucky

HUMAN FAILURES COME UNDER TWO classifications. The first classification includes those individuals who choose their own way of life entirely independent of God and His plan of salvation. They seemingly ignore the fact that real success is impossible without knowing God and trusting in His saving grace.

While degrees of worldly success and enterprise can be attained by these people in this world, eternal damnation awaits all who fail to prepare to meet their God.

The second classification of human failures includes those Christians who fail to keep their vision focused on Christ.

When Peter saw Jesus walking on the water he said, "Lord, if it be thou, bid me come unto thee on the water." Jesus said, "Come." Adventurous, impetuous Peter looked at Jesus and scrambled over the edge of that boat and onto the water. I believe he strode; I believe he stomped; but the water was firm beneath his feet. Then Peter took his eyes off Jesus. He saw the wind boisterous and he was afraid. He began to sink beneath the water that had been so firm just a few minutes before. Poor Peter! Panic began to well up within him. He was a failure the moment he got Christ out of focus.

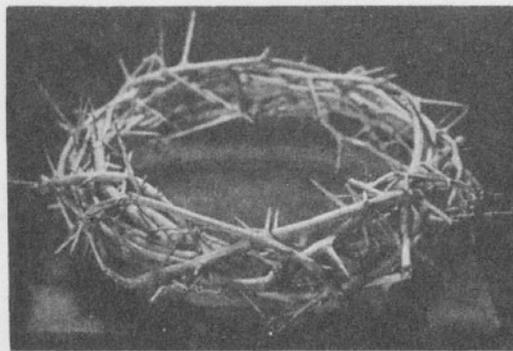
Peter cried out when he began to sink, "Lord, save me." It was good that he did not wait until he was going down for the third time or the sea might have been his grave. Jesus reached out His hand and saved him; and Peter, who had been a failure, was not a failure anymore. All of that was changed when Jesus saved him.

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God had been preparing a man by the name of Moses for a great ministry. When Moses was grown he went out to see his brethren. He looked upon their burdens. This was a great beginning. The man who doesn't see the need will never get the job done.

One day he saw an Egyptian smiting one of his brethren. With cunning he looked this way and that way and, seeing no one, he slew the Egyptian and hid him in the sand. He saw no one, but others saw him. His own brethren saw him and hope that deliverance might come through him died. God saw him and He saw a failure.

God began a course of corrective



Substitution

My Lord was bound and led away,
A willing victim, to the tree;
That I, a helpless fettered slave,
Might evermore be free.

For me He wore a scarlet robe
While mocking Him they bowed the knee;
That I might wear a garment white
Through all eternity.

He wore for me a thorny crown
Pressed down upon His sacred head;
That I, defeated wretch, might wear
A victor's crown instead.

They smote His kingly face and brow—
With wicked hands they bruised Him there;
That I, God's awful stroke of wrath
Might never have to bear.

Amazing thought! that God in flesh
Would take my place and bear my sin;
That I, a guilty death-doomed soul,
Eternal life might win!

—Margaret Denison Armstrong

treatment in the life of Moses out on the backside of the desert where Moses had gone to save his own life. Separation from his own people gave him time to think. Sense of his and their need compelled him to pray. Moses had nowhere to go so he had plenty of time to weigh a matter; haste and ill judgment had no more part of him. He saw his own inadequacy. Moses got Moses out of the viewfinder but, because he did not understand God's plan, he still found it difficult to focus on God clearly.

One day a miracle occurred that caused him to focus on God distinctly for the first time in forty years. A bush burst into flames out there on the desert but it was not consumed. Although dry shrubs on the hot plains might sometimes ignite and burn, it was unheard of that one should burn and not be destroyed. Moses turned aside to see this thing for it was so like the experience within his own soul. The desire to serve God had never burned out. The element of error and failure had failed to extinguish it. "The gifts and calling of God are without repentance" (Romans 11:29).

When God saw that he turned aside to see, Moses was rewarded. He heard God call, "Moses, Moses!" and was quick to answer, "Here am I."

God said, "I have surely seen the affliction of my people... and I am come down to deliver them... Come now therefore and I will send thee..." (Exodus 3:8-10).

God never said a word about Moses being a failure for he was not a failure anymore. The God who "never fails" had chosen to bring help to His people through Moses.

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Jacob failed to wait upon God for the fulfillment of His own Word. He hurtled the barriers of God's will and God's time and, in one shrewd stroke, achieved a great bargain using only a mess of pottage to clinch the trans-

action. Days later he consummated his deceit by posing as his brother. His earthly father accepted him as Esau, and blessed him and bestowed upon him the family fortune and authority. His heavenly Father saw him and identified him as a usurper—a failure.

God started corrective treatment for Jacob too, beginning at the place where Jacob had fled for his life. When earthly life is waning we are apt to look beyond the little mound of trifles and treasures we once loved more than God. With these trifles far behind his fleeing footsteps, Jacob tried to get God in focus again. When one has schemed for the glory of *Jacob*, it is hard to begin to live wholeheartedly for the glory of *God*.

Jacob found a new existence and began to bargain with Laban for a wife. Laban assured him that Rachel was his, but when Jacob lifted the veil from the face of his newly acquired wife he found it was Leah.

Another wife and ten wage changes later Jacob decided to go back to his home country. One of the best things a man can do after he has failed is to go back to where the mistake was made, get God's forgiveness and, with divine help, start all over again.

Jacob traveled as far as Jabbok but could go no farther. He sent his family and his servants over but he himself was restrained. God was that restraining power.

When Jacob was left alone, "there wrestled a man with him until the breaking of the day." When the wrestler would have left him, Jacob became a restraining power. He said, "I will not let thee go, except thou bless me" (Genesis 32:26).

First God restrained Jacob. Then Jacob restrained the Presence who was God. A failure cannot restrain God; only those who have achieved a victory can do that.

Jacob was asked, "What is thy name?" The question brought Jacob back to his old identity. He answered, "Jacob." Jacob means supplanter. What would you have said if God had asked you that question? You would have confessed the truth. You cannot lie in the presence of God.

"Thy name shall be called no more Jacob, but Israel; for as a prince hast thou power with God and with men, and hast prevailed." God's answer abolished the stigma of the past. "And Jacob called the name of the place Peniel: for I have seen God face to



TMES OF TRIAL ARE OFTEN OUR times of greatest joy. God's nightingales sing at midnight, and

"Sorrow touched by God grows bright

With more than rapturous ray,
As darkness shows us worlds of light
We never saw by day."

It was when the apostles were turned out of Antioch by a mob of respectable men and honorable women, that the record was added, "The disciples were filled with joy, and with the Holy Ghost" It was when the fig tree refused to blossom, and the vines were stripped of their accustomed fruit, and nature was robed in a winding sheet of death, that Habakkuk's song rose to its highest notes of triumph, and he could say: "Yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will joy in the God of my salvation." There is such a thing as "sorrowful yet always rejoicing"; a bittersweet which draws its quintessence of joy from the very wormwood and the gall, and which knows not whether to weep or sing as it cries with Pascal, in the one breath: "Joy upon joy; tears upon tears."

Oh, it is a blessed testimony to the grace of God and the Spirit's abundant love, when we can rise above our circumstances and "Count it all joy when (we) fall into divers temptations," and "Rejoice, inasmuch as (we) are partakers of Christ's sufferings" because "when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy."

If we would know the full comfort

of the Holy Ghost, we must co-operate with Him, and rejoice by simple faith, often when our circumstances are all forbidding, and even when our very feelings give no response of sympathy or conscious joy. It is a great thing to learn to *count* it all joy. Counting is not the language of poetry or sentiment, but of cold, unerring calculation. It adds up the column thus: sorrow, temptation, difficulty, opposition, depression, desertion, danger, discouragement on every side, but at the bottom of the column God's presence, God's will, God's joy, God's promise, God's recompense. "Our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory." How much does the column amount to? Lo, the sum of all the addition is "*All joy*," for "the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed..."

That is the way to count your joy. Singly, a given circumstance may not seem joyful, but counted in with God, and His presence and promise, it makes a glorious sum in the arithmetic of faith. We can rejoice in the Lord as an act of the will; and when we do, the Comforter will soon bring all our emotions into line, yea, and all our circumstances too. They who went into battle with songs of praise in front soon had songs of praise in the rear, and an abundant, visible cause of thanksgiving. Therefore, let us say with the apostle, "I therein do rejoice, yea, and will rejoice."

—Alliance Weekly

face, and my life is preserved." It was a moment of victory, for Jacob had seen God in the right perspective at last.

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We read in Revelation 15:2, "And I (John) saw as it were a sea of glass mingled with fire; and *them that had gotten the victory* over the beast, and over his image, and over his mark,

and over the number of his name, stand on the sea of glass, having the harps of God."

One day, we too shall stand before the Lord with other ex-failures who achieved the victory through faith in Jesus Christ. All of us will be there because we have focused our eyes upon Jesus and beheld Him in the right perspective. ◀◀

The Importance of A Christian Home

BY KENNETH TAYLOR



PHOTO BY A. DEVANEY

IF YOU WERE BROUGHT UP IN A Christian home you will know why I say that a Christian home is even more important than the Sunday School.

And that doesn't discount Sunday Schools at all. They are a wonderful provision for children from non-Christian homes, and offer a powerful supplementary diet for children from homes where the Lord Jesus is loved. No movement within the organized church has had such results in conversions and life building, despite the hour-a-week limitation.

But there is no such time limit on the influence of the Christian home. It has a round-the-clock daily opportunity to nurture young lives and bring

them on to sound, balanced living and to loving, total commitment to Jesus Christ.

A Christian home can give a child a happily receptive attitude to gospel truth. After all, a child believes what his parents do. If he is brought up in a strong Roman Catholic home he will be a strong Roman Catholic. If he is brought up in a strong Muslim home he will be a fanatical Muslim. And if he is brought up in a strong evangelical Protestant home he will be a strong evangelical Protestant. There are few exceptions.

To a superficial observer it may seem therefore that there is no solid basis for decisions and that we are merely products of our environment. Actually, this is pretty much true. We do not decide these things as children because of logic or truth, but we are products of our emotional environment and of our strong and natural approval of whatever our parents believe. And so the child brought up in the Christian home is blessed beyond all others, since he often automatically adopts the Christian point of view, the truth.

The statistical results can be enormous. It is said that a majority of Canada's population is now Catholic. That was not so a few years ago, but it is today because of the Catholic emphasis on large families and the Protestant emphasis on small ones. Thus year by year and generation by generation the percentage of Catholics

in the population grows in geometric proportion.

Or take India as another interesting example. Today probably less than one percent of the population is Roman Catholic. But if India widely adopts birth control—as has been done the last few years in Japan—the Roman Catholic population will continue to grow as fast as ever while the rest of the population slows down drastically. And within 250 years it would be possible—through the cradle alone, apart from outside conversion—for the present Roman Catholic population in India to have grown to a majority of the population of India.

Does that cast some light on the great importance of the Christian home in America? It certainly does. Our homes must continue to send out well-trained young people (and, I believe, in increasing numbers) to live for Jesus Christ. The average Christian parent in America probably nets more souls for the Lord in his home than he does in all of his lifetime in personal work outside the home.

But here a warning must be sounded and a solemn word of caution given as to the reasons why some Christian homes do not produce strong Christian lives in their young people.

It seems to me there are two main reasons.

The first is that some of our so-called Christian homes are not truly Christian. The name of Christ is honored by lip but not by life. Uncomfortable family relations make plain to the children that Christ is not real, and as a result many a child has come to the place of mocking that holy Name. Of course, the solution here is that the parents themselves should live for Christ rather than for themselves, and learn how to work out this decision in their everyday living before their children.

The second reason concerns homes where the parents truly love Christ, but do not understand that children need negative guidance as well as positive. A little child's heart is a potential cesspool of damning iniquity. It is a garden where weeds spring up easily, but they can be quickly destroyed if quickly dealt with. A parent who neglects this God-given responsibility, pitying the child and sparing the rod, can build disaster into a child's life before he is five years old.

I believe that a major key to the solution of both of these problems lies in family togetherness. The parents

**Put Christ
In His
Future!**



- ☆ Give him a Christian Home
- ☆ Teach him the Word of God
- ☆ Take him to Sunday School
- ☆ Lead him to the Saviour

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should take time to work with the children, and give special attention to family devotions when the whole family can be together around the Word of God listening to the admonitions of the Scriptures and discussing together what it means and how to put it into effect.

—Written for National Sunday School Assoc.



A Picture Puzzle

For Junior Readers

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PROVERBS 7:17

Monday, May 5

Read: 1 Corinthians 3:1-10

Learn: "Every man shall receive his own reward according to his own labour" (1 Corinthians 3:8).

For the Parent: In this passage Paul continues to emphasize the need for unity among Christians. Point out: (1) disunity is a sign of spiritual immaturity; (2) we all have different ministries, but we are doing God's work; (3) we should work together; (4) we will be rewarded according to our faithfulness in our work; (5) it is God who gives the increase.

Question Time: Of what is disunity among believers a sign? (See above) What is the important truth of verse 7? How will Christians be rewarded? (v. 8)

Tuesday, May 6

Read: 1 Corinthians 3:10-23

Learn: "Let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon. For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ" (1 Corinthians 3:10, 11).

For the Parent: Yesterday's lesson emphasized that Christians will be rewarded for their labors. This passage takes that idea a step further, pointing out: (1) the only true foundation for Christian service—Christ; (2) the works which abide and those which shall be destroyed. Let us strive to do the lasting works.

Question Time: Who is the foundation upon which we build? (v. 11) How will our works be tried? (v. 13) What is the lesson of verses 16 and 17?

Wednesday, May 7

Read: 1 Corinthians 4:1, 2, 9-16

Learn: "It is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful" (1 Cor. 4:2).

For the Parent: God has work for each Christian to perform. He is most interested in our faithfulness to our tasks, and wants us to do the best we can with the abilities He has entrusted to us. Stress also our reactions to persecution and ridicule, showing that God will help us as we remain faithful to Him. In this connection read also Matthew 5:10-12, 43-48, pointing out that this should be the attitude of Christians.

Question Time: What is required of stewards? (v. 2) How does the law of love, as taught by Jesus, differ from what men are ordinarily taught to do? (Matthew 5:43-48)

Thursday, May 8

Read: Ezra 7:6-10, 27, 28; 8:21-23

Learn: "I was strengthened as the hand of the Lord my God was upon me" (Ezra 7:28).

For the Parent: (Additional material on "Ezra's Mission to Jerusalem" will be found on Sunday's Lesson page.) Review briefly the past lessons on how the Israelites had returned to Jerusalem. Ezra, the scribe, now was going back to teach the people. Emphasize: (1) his preparation for this task, 7:10; (2) his reliance upon God, 7:28; (3) his faith in God, 8:21-23; (4) God's honoring his faith, 8:30.

Question Time: What three things were involved in Ezra's preparation for his task? (7:10) How did he show his faith in God? (8:21-23) How did God answer? (8:30)

Friday, May 9

Read: Acts 11:19-26; 13:1-4 (Sunday's Lesson for Juniors)

Learn: "As my Father hath sent me, even so send I you" (John 20:21).

For the Parent: Review the story of the conversion of Saul (Acts 9). Then point out: (1) the consecration of the church at Antioch, 11:19-26; (2) the new name for believers, 11:26; (3) the ministry of the Holy Spirit in calling Barnabas and Saul for a particular work, 13:2; (4) the obedience of the church at Antioch to the leading of the Holy Spirit, 13:3.

Question Time: Where were people first called Christians? (11:26) What report is given of Barnabas? (11:24) How were he and Saul called to missionary work? (13:2)

Saturday, May 10

Read: Jonah 1 and 2 (Sunday's Lesson for Primaries)

Learn: "We ought to obey God rather than men" (Acts 5:29).

For the Parent: Review this story briefly, emphasizing especially the importance of obeying God in all things. Also point out that if we disobey, God is merciful. Sometimes, in matters of service, He gives us another chance. How much better it is to obey God the first time He asks us to do something for Him. There may not always be a second chance.

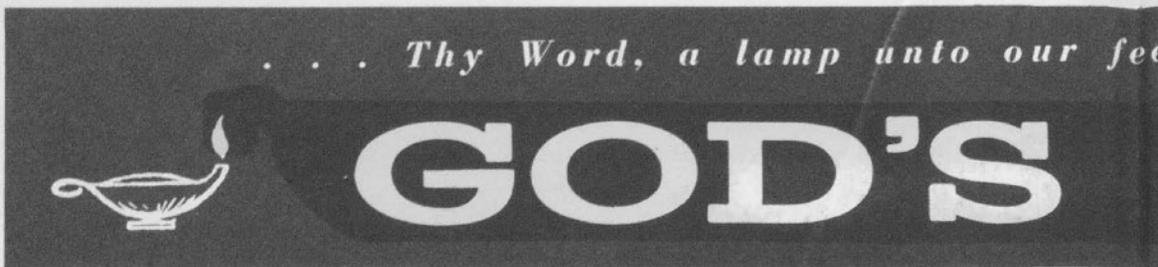
Question Time: What commission did God give Jonah? (1:1, 2) What did Jonah do? (1:3) How did God deal with Jonah, and what happened? (1:4-2:10)

WESTERNERS THINK OF JAPAN AS a nation of teeming cities, bright colors and sharp-pointed mountains. It is also a nation that instilled fierce loyalties in its citizens. One of them is Sakae Kobayashi, who had the proud mission of dying for his country.

From boyhood he was instilled with the ethics of death. It was good to live, to love father and mother, to taste the crimson sunset and hear the chatter of birds in the trees. But to die honorably for Japan was the supreme good. At fourteen he left home in Wakayama to be trained. First it was military school, then years of army training, then air-force training. On the anvil of nationalism he was tempered into a strong, proud young officer who hated his enemies and wished the glory of dying for his native land.

During this time a rugged Japanese fighter plane called the "Zero" was put into production as Americans planned a deadly, high-flying bomber called the B-29. And one of thousands of Japanese New Testaments with colorful covers, published by the American Bible Society, rolled off the presses. The fighter and bomber were both several tons of ingenious engineering keyed to the purpose of killing; the Testament weighed a few ounces.

World War II continued to unfold.



Mr. Kobayashi was trained as a flier and stationed at an air field outside Tokyo. The American bombers with their youthful crews—blond lads from the farm states and wiry boys from the slums—came more and more often to demolish parts of the land Mr. Kobayashi loved so well. He flew against them in his fighter, shot and was shot at and hated them. To kill them was his routine mission, but his real and final mission was to crash his fighter into the tail of a B-29. For he was a *kamikaze*, which means "wind of God".

Each day before the fighters took off, those who would fly the suicide mission were chosen. They would take off with the tearing roar of a fast engine and not return. Mr. Kobayashi's turn came on August 14, 1945. It was late morning, quiet and cloudless, when the sirens sounded a raid. His destiny—a rendezvous with suicide—

awaited him in the crisp, final blue of the sky.

He climbed into his Zero and started it, propeller-blast flattening the still green grass on the runway. He was calm and did not feel any particular emotion except the poignant realization that his life of twenty years was about to end. A crew waited at the end of the runway to flag him off.

Then a man came running across the field from headquarters, running and shouting. Japan had surrendered—the commander had just picked up the news by listening to the American radio. It wasn't until two hours later that the Japanese radio broadcast the surrender.

Wearily, Mr. Kobayashi went home. There he found his house burned. His mother was dead, and so were his brother and grandmother. As a former officer he was ostracized, could not get a job, and was filled with bitterness.

Finally he obtained work as a night watchman in a refinery. There, one night, he saw a lovely young lady reading a book with a colorful cover. He was lonely, and the book looked interesting. He thought it was a novel and began to question her about it. Yes, she said, the book did tell a story, but not the kind he thought; for the book was a Bible that had been distributed by the American Bible Society. When Mr. Kobayashi learned this he scorned the girl for believing in the religion of his enemies. But patiently she persuaded him to go to church.

"Love your enemies"—this was the theme of the sermon. It seemed utterly foreign, almost absurd to Mr. Kobayashi, who had been taught from childhood to hate his enemies. But the Word had a strange power. He kept going back. Before long the gospel battered aside his inner walls of pride and scorn, and he entered a seminary. Upon graduation in 1953 he married the girl, and is pastor of a little church outside Tokyo.

Sakae Kobayashi had kept his rendezvous—not with suicide but with the Word of God. ◀◀

RENDEZVOUS

BY STANLEY ROWLAND, JR.



Sakae Kobayashi proudly points to the Japanese New Testament that taught him to love his enemies. The colorful paper cover is now faded and worn, but he treasures the little volume for it led him to Christ.

WORD



First Steps in Bible Reading

BY FRANCIS CARR STIFLER

"I ain't goin' to read it, mister," said the young recruit at Great Lakes Naval Training Station as he tossed back the little blue-covered Testament which had been given to him the day before with his promise to read it.

"What's the trouble, son?"

"It reads like the telephone directory."

The sailor had begun, as anyone would, to read his new book at the beginning. But much as the mature Christian finds to inspire him in the genealogy of Jesus, to this raw beginner in Bible reading the first fifteen verses of Matthew were mostly lists of meaningless names.

For those who have read the Bible and, indeed, for many who, like this lad, have started unsuccessfully, some suggestions on how to begin one's reading are often helpful. Much of the Bible is not easy to read. For the beginner, first steps in Bible reading are often most successfully taken by beginning with the New Testament. It

tells of Christ, without whom we should not have the Bible. He is the center of its message. To know Him is to find the urge to read not only all about Him and the results of His coming, but to know the older Scriptures that He read and knew.

The sailor at Great Lakes might well have been advised to begin his reading with the Gospel of Mark. It is one of the most exciting pieces of biography ever written. The first chapter relates at least a half-dozen stirring incidents. The story moves with ever-heightened tempo to the end. A good first step, although a long one in Bible reading, would be to read the whole Gospel of Mark at a sitting. So much has been made of Bible reading by chapters that most readers have never thought of doing what they would with a short secular story—read it through to the end. Mark can be read in less than two hours. Anyone who reads Mark earnestly at one sitting will have come closer to his Master than he ever was before.

One who has read Mark will want to read the other Gospels. Matthew and Luke, who follow Mark's outline, add much that Jesus said and did, and go far to satisfy the hunger to know the Great Friend better. John is the personal Gospel. In it Jesus seems to be talking directly to the reader. By reading two hours a day one can read the four Gospels in a week and gain a more complete understanding of the life of Christ.

The reading of the Gospels suggests a general principle for first steps in Bible reading. It is this: Read biography at first. There is nothing more interesting to a person than other people. The Bible is filled with biography.

There are at least three short Old Testament books that are set in the biographical mold—Ruth, Esther and Jonah. Read them in their entirety. The last fourteen chapters of Genesis contain the most complete biographical sketch in the Bible—the story of Joseph, one of the most dramatic ever written. The next fourteen chapters—

those that open the Book of Exodus—contain the story of Moses in Egypt. Neither story is as long as the Book of Mark.

There is no better way to enter into a program of enthusiastic regular Bible reading than to read the stories of its people, beginning with the Gospels. Only a few of these stories have been suggested here. The American Bible Society will gladly send any reader who desires them two leaflets designed to help in taking these first steps in Bible reading. *They are entitled "Men and Women of the Bible" and "Stories of the Bible." Send your request to the American Bible Society, 450 Park Avenue, New York 22, N. Y.

**Single copies will be sent without cost. In greater quantities the cost is fifty cents a hundred or two for one cent.—Ed.*

A Korean boy buys himself a New Testament



This Korean lad heard that the Bible Society van was coming to his village the following week. Above all else he wanted his own New Testament. Working from early morning until late at night, he made 453 feet of straw rope and, bringing it in his hands, he purchased a New Testament. The Korean Bible Society used the straw rope to bind up cartons of Scriptures when these were consigned to points served by the railway.

Even this sacrificial gift was not enough to pay the actual cost of the Korean New Testament. The difference was made up by the friends of the American Bible Society which, in cooperation with the Korean Bible Society, distributed 646,843 volumes of the Scriptures last year.



The Assembly of God in Isabel, Kansas

These C. A.'s Started a New Church

By Duane Maxted

THE CHRIST'S AMBASSADORS OF THE Assembly of God in Pratt, Kansas wanted to do something extra for the Lord Jesus Christ. In the spring of 1955, under the direction of Pastor David L. Richards and C. A. President Kenneth Satterfield, they decided they would hold street meetings at Isabel, Kansas.

Every other Saturday night the Christ's Ambassadors met at the church for a season of prayer. Then they loaded the public address system, song books, and instruments into the waiting cars for an evening at Isabel, a town twenty-two miles away.

When they reached Isabel they usually found the main street lined with cars and people waiting for the service to begin. Many people remained in their cars, while others stood close to hear the anointed singing and testimonies of these young people and the preaching of Brother Richards.

The meetings were discontinued when cold weather came, but were resumed early in the spring. More people began coming to hear the gospel and became aware of the rich anointing of the Holy Spirit as the C. A.'s ministered in song, testimony, and the preaching of the Word.

Summer passed rapidly for these young people and their pastor. The Holy Spirit's presence had been so very real and each had received something from the Lord that words could not express!

In the meantime, my wife, two sons, and I had moved to Pratt. We became active in the church and God began to deal with us about wider service for Him. Feeling led of the Spirit, we decided to have a conference with Brother Richards. We told him how God was leading us. He was very helpful, and under the guidance of the Holy Spirit he was able to give us the advice that

we needed. Brother Richards also told us that the very first time we met him God had spoken to him, saying, "Here is your young couple for Isabel."

It was not long until we were convinced that God would have us start a church at Isabel. Then we began to consider securing a building in which to have services. There was also the question of financial support, but we were sure the Lord was leading and that at the appointed time He would open the door. We continued to seek the Lord and pray for His anointing.

We heard that the Baptist congregation had disbanded and that the building was for sale. Brother Richards and I went to Isabel and talked with the only remaining deacon of the Baptist Church. Yes, the building and all the furniture could be bought for \$300.

After prayer, we felt impressed to purchase the building. The deacon board from Pratt, with the help of



Pratt, Kans. C. A.'s held street services in Isabel. C. A. President, K. Satterfield (back row left); Pastor David Richards (right).



Congregation of the new Assembly in Isabel, Kans. Duane Maxted, pastor, standing at right on back row.

Brother Richards, secured a loan from the Kansas District.

Members of the Pratt church were willing to help get the building into shape. There was some remodeling to be done. The church had a belfry, and sparrows and pigeons had found a way in which to enter the main part of the church. But remodeling was a small task for people who were consecrated to the Lord! W.M.C.'s donned aprons and brought brooms and mops. Before long the church had an altogether different look.

Several families in the Pratt Assembly have loved ones in the Isabel community and have been praying for years for a Full Gospel church to be established there. Now God has answered their prayers!

When money arrived from the district office the papers were signed and the deed set in order.

Everything was going in the usual procedure, and the time arrived to pay for the property. But there had been a mistake! The price was \$200 instead of \$300! And God had been speaking to other hearts, so that we were also able to pay for materials needed to repair the building. How we do thank the Lord for His wonderful blessings!

On October 14, 1956, the wonderful hour arrived! C. J. Utley, Kansas District Superintendent, dedicated the building and the furniture to the Lord. The house was packed with the good folk of Pratt—but there was only one person from Isabel! How disappointed we were! However, we learned that a merchant's wife had passed away and that tribute was being paid to her that same afternoon.

On October 21 we started a Sunday School with eighteen in attendance. On the following Sunday twenty-two were present for the services.

Brother Richards held a two-week revival, and there was good attendance at each service. Two were saved!

Isabel's new Assembly had an average attendance of twenty during its first year and was awarded the Blue Crown. We completed two workers' training courses, "The Spirit Himself" and "Bible Doctrines." The courses were a great blessing to the folk and enriched their lives for the Lord's service.

Also during the first year we were able to repay the loan which we had received from the district. Four were saved during the year, one reclaimed, and one filled with the Holy Spirit. On

May 4, 1958

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How do your bills come due?

TREASURER M. B. NETZEL SUGGESTS WE TAKE OUR CUE FROM THE RHYTHM OF LIFE IN PROVIDING FOR OUR AGED MINISTERS

LIFE FOR THE PIONEER MINISTERS WAS NOT SO DIFFERENT FROM that of the early disciples, of whom it is written, "And daily in the temple, and in every house, they ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ." Their work was a *daily* matter. Through the *regularity* of their sacrifice, God established this last-day Pentecostal movement.

They lived out every day, but with no thought for self. They accumulated no savings for old age. The passing of time took its physical toll of their energy and vitality daily, just as it did of other lives. But unlike others, these people were dedicated to the extraordinary task of fulfilling a God-ordained mission. They emptied their lives day by day to spread the full gospel message to the ends of the earth.

Today, with the same regularity with which they met the daily responsibilities of pioneering, these ministers and missionaries meet the problems of the aged. They are faced with the necessity of regularly paying the ever-increasing costs of living from ever-decreasing resources.

Fellow-ministers who have inherited the fruit of their labors, and the assemblies resulting from their pioneer efforts, are morally obligated to provide for them with the same pattern of regularity which made their ministry so meaningful. In fact, our constituency has entered into a solemn covenant to do so, either by writing their needs into the monthly budget of the assembly—which is the most systematic way—or by taking offerings semiannually for this purpose. (See Article XVI, Section 3, of General Council Bylaws.)

By systematically laying aside a portion monthly, *one tenth* of our assemblies supplied nearly one third of the total amount received for Aged Ministers' Assistance last year. It would be well for more of our pastors and assemblies to follow this systematic plan of regular giving.

After receiving your offering on Sunday, May 25, please designate it for Aged Ministers' Assistance and mail it to the ASSEMBLIES OF GOD, 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield 1, Mo. Be sure to make the designation clear, and include the name of the church so it will receive credit.



GENERAL TREASURER M. B. NETZEL

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March 9 of this year three more were saved.

I know the C.A.'s at Pratt, as well as the other members of that church, have been richly rewarded for the groundwork they laid at Isabel. May God continue to bless them for their unselfish love and for what they have helped us to accomplish.

The National Home Missions Department will send a valuable booklet on BRANCH CHURCH EVANGELISM to anyone requesting it. Address your request to—

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Sunday's Lesson

"RIGHTLY DIVIDING THE WORD OF TRUTH"



EZRA'S MISSION TO JERUSALEM

Sunday School Lesson for May 11, 1958

EZRA 7:6-10, 27, 28; 8:21-23

The message of the Book of Ezra may be summed up in four words—Return, Rebuild, Restore, Revive. In the year 536 B.C., under the leadership of Zerubbabel, the Jews returned to their land and began to rebuild their temple. Fifty-seven years after the completion of the temple, God raised up another leader, Ezra, who also returned to Jerusalem and, under God's hand, restored and beautified the temple and revived the nation spiritually. He promoted a holiness movement having as its slogan—"No national salvation without national separation."

EZRA'S PURPOSE (7:1-9). Ezra was a priest by inheritance and a scribe by profession—that is, an official copyist and teacher of the law of Moses. Though comfortable and prosperous in Babylon, his heart was burdened for his people so much that he asked the king for permission to return to Jerusalem to beautify the temple and teach God's people. Blessed are those who in this day will turn their backs on easy, comfortable, conventional living and identify themselves with God's yearning interest in a sin-cursed and dying world!

EZRA'S PREPARATION (7:10). "Ezra had prepared his heart to seek the law of the Lord, and to do it, and to teach in Israel statutes and judgments." The heart must be right with God before the life can be made of service to Him. And Ezra made that preparation. This preparation consisted of earnest study of, and meditation upon, God's Word, to the end that he might understand it and "do it." What lessons this verse teaches! (1) Spiritual changes in the heart and life are impossible, apart from the study of God's Word. (2) One must understand God's Word in order to explain it to someone else. (3) God's Word is to be studied in order to be obeyed and translated into action in one's life. "Jesus began both to do and to teach"—this is the correct order, and Ezra followed it. Only as we live the truth are we in a position to teach it!

EZRA'S PROVISION (7:11-24). King Artaxerxes recognized Ezra as a man of God and graciously granted his request. About one hundred thousand dollars was to be given to Ezra to assist him in his project. What a provision from a heathen king! And if a heathen king will be so gracious, how much more will our heavenly Father provide for the needs of those whom He calls into service for Him!

EZRA'S COMMISSION (7:25). "And thou, Ezra, after the wisdom of thy God, that is in thine hand, . . . teach ye them that know not [the laws of thy God]." Here is the Great Commission in the Old Testament—and uttered by a heathen king! If God is to save those who are held captive by Satan, then surely His Word must be plainly

and faithfully taught to them by those who have experienced its power in their own lives!

EZRA'S CONSISTENCY (8:15-32). Ezra had no intention of undertaking God's work in his own strength. Consequently, before setting out on his journey, he proclaimed a time of fasting and prayer for the purpose of seeking God's definite guidance, provision, protection, and power. "I was ashamed to require of the king a band of soldiers and horsemen to help us," said Ezra. How consistent he was! He had boldly told the king about the all-sufficiency of his God. Now, he was jealous of God's reputation and did not wish to do anything that would give the lie to what he had professed. He would not rely upon the arm of flesh for help, but would seek his help from Jehovah God!

And did God prove sufficient? Said Ezra, "So we fasted and besought our God for this: and he was intreated of us. . . . Then we departed . . . and the hand of our God was upon us, and He delivered us from the hand of the enemy . . . and we came to Jerusalem." Are we as consistent in our profession and living as was Ezra? Do we preach "faith in God" and at the same time cater to the help and favor of the world? Let us, as becomes all true Christians, adorn the gospel by "casting all [our] care upon him."
—J. Bashford Bishop

Yield yourselves unto God. Let there be no reservation or evasion in your yielding. Let it be spirit, soul and body. Some give God a *place* in their lives, others give Him *prominence*; but He demands *pre-eminence*. He must be Lord of all, or he will not be Lord at all.

FOLLOWING IN HIS STEPS



New Education Secretary Appointed



C. C. BURNETT

C. C. Burnett, vice president of Central Bible Institute since 1954, has been named National Education Secretary of the Assemblies of God. He succeeds J. Robert Ashcroft, president-elect of CBI and Evangel College.

Prominent in the Assemblies of God as an educator and evangelist, Brother Burnett has been in the ministry since 1934. He is a native of Illinois. He attended Notre Dame University from 1943 to 1945, and was graduated *cum laude* in 1948 from DePaul University in Chicago, Ill.

During his pastoral years, Brother Burnett served in Carrolton, Community Heights, Granite City, South Pekin, Illinois, in South Bend, Indiana, and Cincinnati, Ohio. He was in evangelistic work from 1938 until 1940; and from 1948 until 1952 he was an instructor at CBI.

Besides his work in the Assemblies of God, Brother Burnett has taken an active interest in several interdenominational endeavors. While in South Bend, he served on the Board of Directors of Youth for Christ, and from 1945 until 1948 he was chairman of the Chicago division of the National Association of Evangelicals. He served for a number of years as chairman of the NAE national convention and continues to serve as a member of the NAE board of administration and the executive committee as secretary.

Brother Burnett is treasurer of the North American Association of Bible Institutes and Bible Colleges, an affiliate of the NAE Commission on Education. He is also a member of the Public Relations Commission of the Accrediting Association of Bible Institutes and Bible Colleges.

In his new capacity Brother Burnett

will make his office at the denomination's international headquarters at 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield, Mo. He will assume his new duties at the close of the current school year.

Healed of Gall Stones

After suffering for years, I finally came to the point where I could endure it no longer, and my relatives called a doctor. In January 1954 X rays revealed that I had gall stones and a diseased, non-functioning gall bladder. The doctor said I must be operated on immediately, for my life was in danger. But I decided to wait and trust the Lord.

During an awful attack in October 1954 the Lord gave me the assurance that He would heal me. The next morning (Sunday) I struggled to church as usual, even though I felt only half-conscious. I had not been able to eat, nor were my bowels or bladder functioning normally. The agony and suffering I endured was terrible.

The pastor, C. D. Burden, administered the sacrament this Sunday, and he asked those who were sick to believe the Lord for healing during this

communion service. This I did, and I began to feel the power of God surging through my body.

Within 48 hours all my organs were functioning normally, as they have been ever since. The gall stones passed from my body in very small fragments; this was witnessed by my nurse. The old symptoms have never recurred, even though this took place 3½ years ago.

Previous to my healing I had never been able to eat certain foods, but now I can eat anything I choose. Praise the Lord.—Mrs. Leila F. Sadler, 15 Almondbury Rd., Mount Lawley, West Australia.

(Endorsed by W. E. Snowden, Principal, Elim Foursquare Gospel Church of West Australia.)

Gall Bladder Healed

I was thirteen years old when I started having gall bladder attacks. In 1927, at the age of thirty-five, I was operated on. The doctors said they removed 102 gall stones from my body, but the operation did not help me one bit.

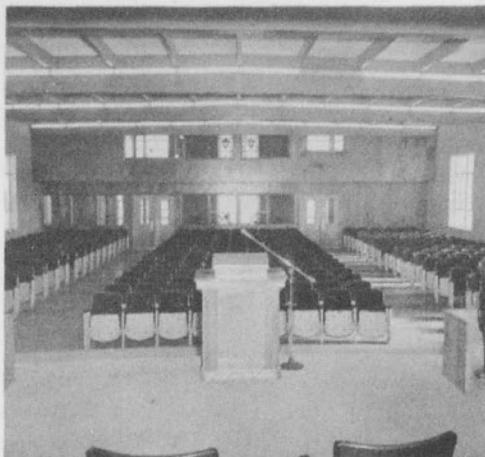
From that time until August 1955 I continued having attacks, more severe than ever. Sometimes I would have as many as seven or eight in a week. I could eat no fried foods, and little else. I could not stand to do any hard work. The doctors said they could do no more for me. I knew that only God could deliver me.

One Sunday morning in August 1955 my pastor, R. C. Lymburner, called for a healing line in the church. I went in the line and was prayed for. God instantly healed my body. I have had better health since that day than ever before in my life. I can eat anything at all now, and I can outwork any of my daughters. To God be the glory.—Mrs. Dora Racey, Romney, W. Va.

(Endorsed by Pastor Robert C. Lymburner, Keyser, W. Va.)

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

THIS WEEK'S COVER



The pastor and congregation of First Assembly of God in Lansing, Michigan, are rejoicing in the goodness of the Lord in giving them a beautiful new church building. L. A. Thompson has been the pastor of this growing work for the past eight years.

A little more than three years ago the congregation purchased a number of lots in a new subdivision located strategically between Lansing and East Lansing. They erected a Norman brick structure with an auditorium 50 feet by 100 feet. It has fifteen Sunday School classrooms and a lower auditorium 72 feet by 24 feet. There are two church

offices, a pastor's study, and a nursery.

Pastor Thompson designed and drew the plans for the church. These were submitted to an architect, who furnished the blueprints for the low sum of \$800 thereby saving the Assembly several thousand dollars. Thanks to the kindness of businessmen, the church was able to purchase many building materials at wholesale prices. Further economies resulted from the fact that much of the labor was donated (by the pastor and men of the congregation), with the result that although the building is valued at \$125,000 the actual cost was only about \$70,000.

Set Free

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riage, and Lamech married several wives, instead of one, as God had ordained.

In the *tenth generation*, sin so dominated the hearts and minds of the people that God "saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually" (Genesis 6:5). Man had become so exceedingly sinful and had so polluted the earth that God sank the earth out of sight and scrubbed it for nearly half a year.

Sin continued its dominion in such force after the flood that, in the *thirteenth generation*, Nimrod gathered the people to build a tower that would reach to heaven in rebellion against God.

In the *twentieth generation* God called Abraham from a household of idolatrous corruption to be a blessing to all nations, through the Redeemer who was to come. The dispensation of promise was given.

Other generations passed, until in the *twenty-eighth generation* the dispensation of promise gave way to the law of Moses; however, in the shadow of Mount Sinai the voice of God had hardly become silent before Israel attributed their blessings to graven images.

Then, in the *sixty-second generation*, sin so dominated the human race that the Son of God, man's only hope, was taken and nailed to the cross.

In the *last generation* men will sell themselves to evil to such an extent that they will hopelessly mortgage their souls and will proudly wear the seal of this mortgage in their right hand or their forehead.

When one is motivated by sin, death inevitably follows. There is a dominating, overwhelming *power of death* that man, in himself, cannot overcome. Frequently physicians exhaust their skills to effect cures but find death so overwhelming that they can do no more than commit their patient to cruel death. Death has taken a stranglehold on the human race. One needs only to go to the institutions where the sick and diseased are cared for, and see patients seized upon by cancer, infiltrated with the tuberculosis germ, or their life ebbing away by an anemic condition, to behold the stranglehold of death on the human race. In spite of the utmost and tenderest of care given to the stricken, death has proven an unconquerable foe, humanly speaking.

During the past decade, a physician discovered a serum, injections of which, he said, would double the length of man's life. Ironically, within a few years of his discovery he himself succumbed to death, in spite of the fact that he had not yet attained the age of seventy. "Death reigned from Adam to Moses"; it is now reigning; and "the last enemy that shall be destroyed is death."

Now, let us consider the *law of the*

Spirit of life in Christ Jesus, or, in the translation preferred by some, the law of the *Spirit's life* in Christ Jesus.

Since sin and death came by man, God ordained that righteousness and life must also come by man. See Romans 5:12-21. How could this be, seeing that the very life stream, his blood, was polluted by lethal corruption?

God provided a second Adam who, with relation to His humanity, was made flesh of woman, but, with relation to His life, obtained life from Deity by the operation of the Holy Spirit (Luke 1:35). Thus He was at once the Son of man and the Son of God. He whose life was from God, eternal, could truthfully say, "I lay down my life. . . . No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again" (John 10:17, 18).

Christ, with the Spirit's life resident in Him, raised the dead when He willed, even though it became necessary to reverse the order of death-dealing corruption. He was and is "the resurrection and the life."

In order to atone for our sins He made Himself subject to death and, having our sins laid on Him, He "yielded up the ghost." He who was the sinless one was delivered for our offenses, but when He had paid the penalty for our sins, bringing justification to us, He was raised again (Romans 4:25).

Now by no less a miraculous work of regeneration or rebirth man, by repentance of sin and confession of faith in the atoning work of Christ, is super-

naturally born of God. Man, by the New Birth, has the Spirit's life resident in him inasmuch that he too overcomes the powerful law of sin and death.

With the apostle Paul, the born-again believer triumphantly recognizes that though "the *body is dead because of sin; ... the Spirit is life because of righteousness*" with relation to the conquered power of sin. The born-again believer is also aware that with the Spirit of God dwelling in us, "he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken [our] mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in us" (Romans 8:10, 11).

In Christ the believer is victorious over the power of sin and death, for

the *law of the Spirit's life* has liberated him from the law of sin and death. Hallelujah! ◀ ◀

SPIRITUAL WEALTH

The more money you keep, the more money you have. Not so with Christianity. Christianity must be expressed in order that it may be possessed. By expressing faith in God, you have more faith in God. By expressing the love of God, you have more love of God. John Wesley said, "A secret unobserved religion cannot be a religion of Jesus Christ; if a Christian could be hid, he could not be compared to a city set on a hill."
—D. Carl Yoder

GALL BLADDER ATTACKS CEASE

I am very grateful for the opportunity to testify for my Saviour. I had been suffering with gall bladder attacks for about eleven years. One night when I was very ill my husband called the minister of our church, J. F. Slavens. He prayed for me, and the Lord healed me. I have never had another attack since then. The Lord has healed me many times, and I praise Him with all my heart.—Mrs. Ada McEwen, Kansas City, Kans.

(Endorsed by J. F. Slavens, Pastor, Calvary Assembly, Kansas City, Kans)

Servicemen in Europe Enjoy Spiritual Retreat

Berchtesgaden, Germany (Special)—Over 225 Assemblies of God servicemen stationed in Europe recently attended a five-day convention sponsored by their denomination at Berchtesgaden, Germany.

Conducted March 10-14 amid the splendor of the towering Bavarian Alps of the area, the convention consisted of religious services, discussions, and inspirational addresses. An additional highlight of the meeting was the showing of the film "The Miracle College," which depicts the foundation and development of the denomination's

Evangel College in Springfield, Mo.

Featured speakers were J. P. Kolenda, of the Berean Bible School in Erzhausen bei Darmstadt, Germany, and U. S. Grant, pastor of the Full Gospel Tabernacle in Kansas City, Kans.

For Brother Grant, and Owen C. Carr of Wichita, Kans., the convention was part of a more than 30,000-mile missionary tour of Africa and Europe. Having left the States February 3, the pair travelled some 23,000 miles through Africa, Egypt, Israel and Jordan before arriving at Berchtesgaden,

visiting mission stations and doing missionary work of their own. Following the Berchtesgaden meeting, their itinerary called for visits to Germany, Switzerland, Belgium, Holland, France, Denmark, Sweden and England. Brother Carr is the State Youth Director for the Assemblies of God in Kansas.

Other speakers of note were: Victor Greisen of Marigan, Denmark, chairman of the Assemblies of God Fellowship in Europe; Paul Williscroft, Servicemen's Representative for the Assemblies of God in Europe; Anthony Piraino of Rome, Assemblies of God representative in Italy; and Richard Scotti, Assemblies of God Representative in Belgium.

Co-ordinator of the program was Chaplain (1st Lt.) James H. Cotton of the 2d Airborne Battle Group, 502d Infantry, in Munich, Germany.

Preachers and instructors at the Assemblies of God retreat for servicemen stationed in Europe. Over 225 attended the five-day convention in Berchtesgaden.



Chaplain (Maj.) Paul A. Lam, Senior Chaplain at the U. S. Army's Religious Retreat House in Berchtesgaden, shaking hands with Assemblies of God ministers.





Your Questions

ANSWERED BY ERNEST S. WILLIAMS

Since the Bible says we are to bear one another's burdens, can one person bear part of another person's sickness?

One person cannot bear another's sickness, but one should give such help as he is able. To bear one another's burdens is to help, as far as we can, a brother who is having a heavy load, whatever the cause of his struggle. The meaning is beautifully illustrated in the parable of the good Samaritan (Luke 10:30-36).

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Are all men created equal, as some maintain?

The statement to which you refer is part of the Declaration of Independence of the United States. It means that in a democratic society all have the same

opportunities. Theoretically this is so. In practice, however, this equality is not realized. One person has the good fortune to meet a person who is able to give him opportunities for advancement. Another, equally capable, does not have this good fortune and is never able to rise to the same height.

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Please explain the scripture, "A bruised reed shall he not break, and smoking flax shall he not quench, till he send forth judgment unto victory" (Matthew 12:20).

This is a quotation from Isaiah 42:1-4, setting forth the graciousness of the gospel of our Lord Jesus. Jesus came into a world of depressed and bound people. Where there were weak souls who desired to do the will of God, Jesus would not crush them. He

would understand their weaknesses and help them. Where there was a flickering spark of spiritual life and desire to serve God, Jesus would not despise the largely smothered desire. Instead, He would fan it into a flame. See Luke 4:18. If we knew how much Jesus wants to help us in our weakness, we would surely trust Him more.

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Please explain Ecclesiastes 5:1, which says, "Keep thy foot when thou goest to the house of God, and be more ready to hear, than to give the sacrifice of fools: for they consider not that they do evil."

The verse is an exhortation to sobriety. To Israel the house of God was the Temple, the place of sacrifices. The Scripture warns against carelessness and mere lip service.

When Moses paused before the burning bush, he came into the presence of God. In recognition of the Divine holiness he was commanded to take off his shoes (Exodus 3:5). When we go to worship, we should "keep our feet"; that is, we must remember that we are going into God's presence and we should enter with reverence.

We are also cautioned to be swift to hear and slow to speak. Beware of making hasty promises, saying what we will do and doing it not. Let there be sobriety, spiritual-mindedness, and reverence. "The sacrifice of fools" may be vain promises without sincerity or consistent life.

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When God created man He told him to "replenish the earth" (Genesis 1:28). Does this mean that the earth had been inhabited previously?

There are those who believe the earth had been inhabited, by what kind of beings they do not know. Then came a judgment, which is set forth in the words, "And the earth was without form, and void." Those who so believe suggest that man was created to take the place which these earlier beings had occupied. If there were beings on the earth prior to Adam and Eve, we may feel sure that they were different from present-day man. This idea of an earlier creation is only a speculation. It cannot be confirmed definitely from the Scriptures.

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

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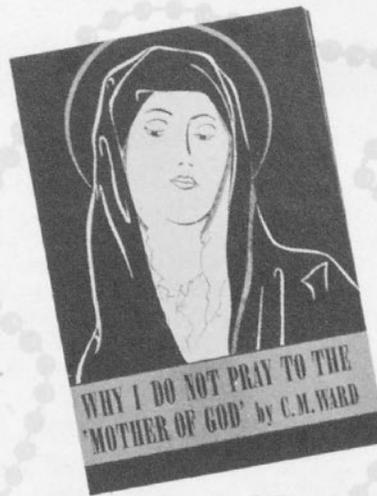
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Fagots From the Torch of Evangelism

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► WEST PLAINS, MO.—The church here recently enjoyed a very successful Holy Ghost revival with Evangelist R. F. Ashworth and family of Seattle, Wash. During the 10 days, five were filled with the Spirit and one was saved. Many were blessed and refilled.
—G. A. Gaddis, Pastor

► TEXARKANA, ARK.—The Stalene Assembly of God here recently had a revival meeting with Evangelist J. D. Griffis. Several young people were at the altar dedicating their lives to God. The preaching was inspiring, edifying, and from the heart.
—A. J. Malin, Pastor

► CASSVILLE, MO.—Many found Christ as their personal Saviour during the meetings held here recently by Evangelist and Mrs. Jimmy Brown. The Holy Spirit came upon believers every night. The ministry of the evangelist brought new faith to the entire church.
—R. Clifford Bright, Pastor

► MONROE, LA.—Many were filled with the Holy Ghost and backsliders were reclaimed during two weeks of meetings with Evangelist D. C. Ogden of Tulsa, Okla. Many people made new consecrations, and there was a great refreshing from the presence of the Lord. The church is still enjoying the effects of the revival.
—G. E. Chambers, Pastor

► CENTURY, FLA.—God has been blessing in the Assembly here. Revival fires have been burning and souls have been saved in the regular services since Christmas. The Sunday School is growing. Evangelist and Mrs. Loyd Henson of Malvern, Ark. held a week of meetings. There were 18 saved and 7 filled with the Holy Ghost. The church was lifted higher in the Lord.
—Roy Kennedy, Pastor

► CLOVIS, N. MEX.—The First Assembly of God experienced a real spirit of revival during a few nights' services with Evangelist W. V. Grant. Scores of people came forward to be saved and filled with the Holy Ghost. The Lord healed individuals of deaf ears, blind eyes, stiff joints and other afflictions. There were 58 testimonies to healing on the last night of the meeting. The Sunday School increased in number and in spirit.
—Cecil D. Holley, Pastor

► EL PASO, TEX.—The First Assembly here recently enjoyed one of the most outstanding revivals in its twenty-five-year history with Evangelist Warren Litzman of Waco, Tex. Prior to that series of services Evangelist Velmer Gardner conducted a revival in which many found Christ as their personal Saviour. The converts from the Gardner meeting needed to be led on into Pentecost, and Brother Litzman did that for them. Ten days before the campaign the

people began receiving the Baptism of the Holy Spirit in the congregation and in their homes. It was a reminder of former days of Pentecost. When the special services closed there were 26 who had been converted and nearly 60 had received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. The revival is continuing and folks are being converted and baptized. The gifts of the Spirit are in operation.
—William F. Hageman, Pastor

► WINDSOR, CALIF.—Evangelist and Mrs. Henry McMilin of Cotati, Calif. recently concluded a revival here. The preaching was anointed, and the people were inspired by the Word of God. Many souls were added to the kingdom, and lives were dedicated to the work of Jesus. The compassionate faith of Brother McMilin and the congregation proved fruitful among the sick as many healings took place. Two young men were delivered from cigarettes. Many enjoyed the rich outpouring of the Spirit, including an 82-year-old grandmother who was filled with the Holy Spirit. The church has prospered, and many wonderful events are still taking place as the fire of revival continues to burn.
—Lenard Griffis, Pastor

► CARLSBAD, N. MEX.—The congregation here is grateful to the Lord for a wonderful two-week revival with Evangelist Ehnest Maxwell of Corpus Christi, Tex. A goodly number of people responded to the invitation for salvation, and there was an increase in Sunday School attendance. The Holy Spirit was present in a most wonderful way in every service. Not only was the anointed preaching of the evangelist appreciated, but also his ability on the electric guitar.
—C. A. McBride, Pastor

► ALLIANCE, OHIO—Recently Evangelist Erma Miller ministered at the First Assembly here. Each night the gracious anointing of the Holy Spirit rested upon the audience and the evangelist. Results are still being seen from Sister Miller's good teaching ministry. In addition, E. C. Damiani held a Teacher's Training course here with revival results. The entire Sunday School staff has a new spirit of enthusiasm. May God be praised.
—E. Wesley Roush, Pastor

► TUCSON, ARIZ.—The Northside Assembly has recently enjoyed two very fine revivals. The earlier meeting was with Brothers Smith and Rogers of Granite City, Ill. and ran for four weeks. Several were saved and filled with the Holy Ghost, and the meetings were a great blessing to the church. More recently Evangelist and Mrs. Bird Campbell of Springfield, Mo. contributed to another time of blessing. The prayer life of the evangelists, both in the home and around the altars, was a real inspiration. The meeting closed on the sixth anniversary of the pastor, and an all-time Sunday School record was established with 484 present. This

congregation recently started another church which is known as the Grantway Assembly. No longer a baby church, it has elected Arnold Mack of Minnesota as pastor. The church is doing fine, and is completely self-supporting.
—Spencer A. Weddle, Pastor

► ST. MARYS, OHIO—The Assembly of God Tabernacle recently enjoyed a successful one-week revival with Evangelist Alta Culpepper. Several were saved, and two teenagers came back to the Lord. Two received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. The whole congregation was inspired by the evangelist's preaching and Lela Basel Brown's music.
—R. J. Pasquale, Pastor

► MULESHOE, TEX.—The church here was wonderfully blessed during a marvelous revival meeting with Evangelist and Mrs. Artie L. Jones of Tyler, Tex. The meetings continued for three weeks. During that time 38 were saved or reclaimed and 36 were filled or refilled with the Holy Ghost. There were many outstanding testimonies of healing also.
—R. V. Luna, Pastor

► ARDMORE, OKLA.—The Lighthouse Assembly of God here enjoyed one week of special meetings some time back with Evangelist Bill Sharp of Warren, Mich. The meeting did much good for the church. Some were saved and healed, and one received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. The art work of Brother Sharp was a great attraction and contributed much towards the success of the meeting.
—Leslie Moore, Pastor

► COLUMBUS, OHIO—The Calvary Assembly of God is still rejoicing over the tremendous move of God experienced during the Joseph DeGrado Salvation-Healing campaign. People came from miles around, and from various churches and denominations. The preaching of Brother DeGrado was effective and the singing of his wife and daughter was an asset also. Scores of folk were gloriously saved. Not one night passed without at least one finding Christ. Many received the baptism of the Holy Spirit in the receiving services, speaking with other tongues as on the Day of Pentecost.

There were a number of outstanding miracles of healing. One woman was afflicted with cancer of the throat and neck. After prayer she returned to her physician, who examined her and declared that all malignancy had vanished.

A woman with a tumor in her throat for over ten years was instantly delivered. She stood up after prayer and swallowed the growth that had tormented her for those years. Others were healed of a variety of afflictions, including ulcers, deafness, arthritis, and various organic diseases. God did something special for the church and the city during these meetings.

—Lee E. Loretz, Pastor

EVANGELISTIC CAMPAIGN CALENDAR

► **LOUISVILLE, KY.**—The Calvary Assembly of God has recently enjoyed one of the finest revivals in the history of the church. Evangelist and Mrs. J. Haskell Wooldridge ministered for three and a half weeks, and there was hardly a service that there was not someone saved or filled with the Holy Ghost. This was the fourth revival the Wooldridges have held in the church.
—*W. Roscoe Russell, Pastor*

► **MADISON, WIS.**—Evangelist Raymond T. Richey conducted one night of services here in early March. Neighboring churches for miles around Madison co-operated. Brother Richey gave a stirring message that touched the hearts of the people. It built up the faith of the hearers, and thus filled a great need in the church of today. We thank God for his ministry in prayer for the sick, also. —*Hugo W. Olson, Pastor*

► **LYONS, OREG.**—Revival fires have been burning at the Santiam Chapel where Evangelist Ortha Jones Passmore of South Beach, Oreg. recently conducted two weeks of revival. The meetings created a great deal of interest in the city, and the Sunday School record was broken with an attendance of 122. Several were saved and a number of backsliders returned to God during the two weeks. Two were baptized in the Holy Spirit and four were refilled one Sunday night. There were two outstanding healings, one of stomach ulcers and one of a diabetic condition. The church benefited greatly through the anointed ministry of Sister Passmore.
—*Jay E. Beebe, Pastor*

BEN HARDIN WITH CHRIST

Thomas Bennett Hardin, 64, of Santa Ana, California, went to be with the Lord on March 28, 1958. He had suffered from a rare bone disease, multiple myeloma, for some months, and had a slight stroke a few days before his death.



Ben Hardin

Brother Hardin was ordained a minister in an independent Pentecostal group in 1917, and two years later became a member of the General Council. During the early years of his ministry he did much work as a pioneer evangelist.

Cities in which he served as pastor include Altoona and Pittsburgh, Pa.; Gary, Indiana; Chicago, Illinois and Washington, D. C. He also pastored in San Bernardino, San Diego, and Santa Ana, California. He was pastor of Calvary Church in Washington, D. C. twice, and of First Assembly of God in San Diego three times.

He served as district superintendent of Southern California for several years. He also served as a member of the board of the Southern California Bible College.

Brother Hardin is survived by his wife, Ethel, and two sons, Thomas and James. One of his sisters is the widow of the

STATE	CITY	ASSEMBLY	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR
Ala.	Floral	First	Apr. 28-May 11	H. V. Yates	W. W. Holder
	Prichard	* A of G	Apr. 29-May 11	Dick Stevens Party	J. D. Stevens
	Whistler	A of G	May 11-25	B. R. Minton	Daniel Mosier
Ark.	Hot Springs	First	May 5-18	Bob Swaim & wife	Fay Hutchinson
Calif.	San Jose	Friendly Bible Ch.	May 4-11	Benny Sapp & wife	Rayford Aderholt
Colo.	Loveland	A of G	May 4—	J. A. Vosika	E. C. Grauberger
Conn.	Waterbury	A of G	May 11-25	Albert Reid Team	Sidney T. Regnicr
Ga.	Albany	First	May 6-18	Ernest Eskelin	Inez La Grone
	Macon	Central	May 11-25	H. Syvelle Phillips	Gerald Balius
Idaho	Blackfoot	A of G	Apr. 30—	J. Wesley Johnson	V. R. Vance
	Lewiston	First	May 4—	Johnny Hoskins	Jeff Gibbs
Ill.	Bushnell	** A of G	May 12—	Edith Swope	Jerrell Snyder
Ind.	Plymouth	A of G	May 11-25	G. Lee Thomas	J. L. Duncan
Iowa	Cedar Falls	A of G	May 11—	D. E. Skiles Party	F. E. Wilson
	Newton	A of G	May 11—	Bob Hoskins	Benson Compton
Kans.	Manhattan	A of G	Apr. 22-May 11	R. Alan Davis	Ernie Camery
La.	Monroe	Morningside	Apr. 27—	Charles Reed & wife	E. J. Graves
	New Orleans	*** Bridge City	May 1—	Hilton Sutton Party	James Seymour
	Detroit	Calvary	May 6—	A. F. DiMusto Party	D. D. Roehl
Mich.	Thief River Falls	A of G Tab.	Apr. 22-May 4	Garfield J. Unruh	Robert Abbott
Minn.	Hurley	A of G	May 11-25	Forrest Whaley	W. Grady Mizelle
Mo.	Branson	A of G	May 11—	J. Ward Campbell	Frank C. Goss
	Kansas City	Glad Tidings	May 11-June 1	J. D. Middlebrook	Robert Gouge, Sr.
	Sullivan	First	Apr. 27-May 11	Mayme Williams	O. H. Virgin
	Vulcan	A of G	Apr. 27—	M. Warren-M. Marsh	Samuel McGarity
Mont.	Whitefish	A of G	May 11-25	Lela B. Haycock	Roy R. Munger
Nebr.	Burton	A of G	May 1-17	Max Francis & wife	Charles Turner
N. J.	Iselin	A of G	May 2-4	Bill Scott	Robert Steward
Ohio	Alger	A of G	May 1—	Moses Copeland	Evan Richards
	Elyria	First	May 7—	H. W. Duncan Family	Robert Graber
Okla.	Duncan	First	May 11—	Glen & Faithe Shinn	Haskell Rogers
Pa.	Brookville	First	May 13-25	Ada E. Lear	Vernon Boyer
	Newville	A of G	May 9-18	H. A. Christopher	Wm. P. Strausser
Tenn.	Chattanooga	American Theater	May 11-18	Louise Nankivell	H. E. Darnell
	Fayetteville	A of G	May 8—	B. Newby-P. Edwards	Leslie Tomlin
	Nashville	Donelson	May 11-25	Earl E. Blythe	J. T. Galligan
Tex.	El Paso	Valley	May 6-11	Douglas Scott	Wesley J. Lange
	Overton	A of G	May 11—	Arnice English	Billy R. Jones
	Teague	First	Apr. 27—	Norman Jones	R. V. Silvertooth
Wash.	Spokane	First	Apr. 27-May 4	Norman Gardner Family	Wallace Bragg
W. Va.	Carolina	A of G	May 6-25	James West & wife	Olan Knotts
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late B. E. Mahan, who was pastor in Washington, D. C.

GOOD ATTENDANCE AT MINISTERS' INSTITUTE

LONDON, KY.—Pastor N. A. Golusin and the Assembly of God here were hosts to the Kentucky Ministers' Institute on March 4-6. Gayle F. Lewis, Assistant General Superintendent, spoke in both the morning and evening services. The meetings were well attended, and many said it was one of the best institutes held in Kentucky.

—Wayne H. Hemphill, District Secretary

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ILLINOIS DISTRICT COUNCIL—May 6-8 at Edwards Street Assembly of God, Alton, Ill. Thomas F. Zimmerman, Assistant General Superintendent, guest speaker. State C. A. Rally at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, May 5. For accommodations write host pastor, J. W. Ellsworth, 2422 Gayle Ave., Alton, Ill.—by W. R. Williamson, Superintendent.

49th MISSIONARY CONVENTION—May 11-18 at The Stone Church, 8401 S. Ashland Ave., Chicago, Ill. Speakers: Mr.

and Mrs. John Hurston, Liberia; Mr. and Mrs. Ben H. LaFon, Honduras; Mr. and Mrs. Sydney Bryant, India; and Minnie Madsen, Bolivia.—by Ernest C. Sumrall, Pastor.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN DISTRICT COUNCIL—May 5-8 at District Headquarters, 5700 S. Broadway, Littleton, Colo. Opening service will be a C. A. Rally on Monday at 7:30 p.m. M. B. Netzel, General Treasurer, main speaker.—by William W. Brandt, District Secretary.

MICHIGAN DISTRICT COUNCIL—May 5-7 at First Assembly of God, 508 Remington, Saginaw, Mich. G. W. Hardcastle, Sr., Superintendent of Arkansas District, guest speaker. C. A. Rally, Monday at 7:30 p.m. For reservations write host pastor, Arthur Thornton, 133 Lockwood, Saginaw, Mich.—by Everett D. Cooley, District Superintendent.

ANNUAL CONVENTION of the RAILROAD EVANGELISTIC ASSOCIATION (an interdenominational organization of Christian railroad men)—July 15-18 at Assembly of God, Alexandria, Va. For further information write Herman R. Rose, editor of "Railroad Evangelist," 2250 N. Pennsylvania St., Indianapolis 5, Ind.

We Walked With God That Day

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that this lady lived only a block from the place where we had lived as pastors in California.

"I have been enjoying so much my talk with your wife, and have been going along a mile a minute, doing all the talking. What is your business back home?"

"We were pastors of a church," my husband replied.

There was a moment of stunned silence, and her eyes opened in astonishment. Then it was our turn to be amazed, for her eyes filled with tears. In a strangled voice she all but whispered, "Pastors! People of God! And just last night I told God that I had gone as far alone as I could go, and that He must send someone to help me." She grasped my hands so tightly that it hurt. "I know God sent you to me today."

Joy surged into our hearts, and we

began to tell her of the wonderful love of Jesus Christ, and of His saving and satisfying power. Every word seemed to sink into the very depths of her soul. She was crying unashamedly now, but in our secluded corner no one seemed to notice. Such a sad story she told us of heartbreak, of neglect of God, of spiritual hunger for something to satisfy the craving of her innermost being. We gave her scriptures and encouraged her to yield her life to Christ.

"We will be speaking at a church here in Rome this Sunday at both the morning and evening services. Will you come with us?" I asked her.

"Oh, yes, I will be so happy to go with you! I really want to find peace."

Again we assured her that all she would have to do was to call upon the Lord, and He would save her and give her peace. She glanced at her watch.

We were all amazed to discover that we

had been talking for two hours. Soon the business house would close.

"I must take care of my business now or it will be too late," she said as she arose. "But tomorrow is Saturday. Please, would you come with me, and we will take my car and see the city together? I would like so much to be with you."

We thanked her and agreed that this would be a most happy arrangement for us. But as she shook our hands I felt an overpowering impression that we must pray with her right then. I spoke of this to my husband and to the lady.

"I should appreciate it so much if you would pray with me. I know that God sent you to me today!"

So we bowed our heads. As we stood close together my husband led in prayer. He phrased the prayer in her words for her needs: "Lord, we come to you because You love us. Although we are unworthy of Your mercy, we know that You will hear when we come in the name of Your Son Jesus Christ. We have sinned, Lord."

And I heard her whisper, "Yes, Lord."

"We ask that You forgive our sins." Again she said softly, with a sob, "Please, Lord."

"We accept Jesus Christ as our Saviour, as the One who bore our sins so that You can forgive us."

"I do, Jesus!" she echoed.

"Help us, Lord! We have gone as far alone as we can go. You have promised in Your Word that You will come to us and give us peace and strength and guidance when we seek You with our whole heart. We seek You with all our hearts right now."

"Yes, dear Lord," she said as she made the prayer her own.

As he closed the prayer she looked up at us through tears and said, "Oh, I feel so much better, I know that God sent you to me. I feel that God is very near to me."

We talked for a moment longer and then parted after assuring her that we would call her the next day and go sight-seeing together. As we went down the steps to the street I turned to my husband and said, with all the emotion that had been filling my heart the past hours, "I feel that we have walked with God today!"

The next morning we came to the American Express to call her hotel. There we met an old friend from the United States and talked for some time, and it was almost noon when I called

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the hotel. An operator answered and I asked for this lady. There was a pause, and she asked me to repeat the name. There was another pause, and a man's voice asked, "Are you a friend of this lady?"

"Yes, I am. Isn't she registered there?"

"Yes, she is registered here, but just a moment."

I waited a time and then another man's voice spoke to me. "This is the hotel manager. Are you a friend of this lady?"

"Please," I asked, "is something wrong?"

"Yes, your friend is ill, and the doctor is here now. I will let you speak to him."

When the doctor came to the telephone he told me that our friend had become sick during the night and he had been called. He had found her ill, but had not felt she was sick enough to be placed in the hospital. He had prescribed for her and had promised to return in the morning. When he arrived just a few minutes before my call he had found her unconscious. He had ordered an ambulance and was just waiting to rush her to the hospital.

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We followed him to a beautiful suite of rooms. She was lying in bed. I heard my husband catch his breath sharply as he moved quickly to her side and put his fingers on her wrist. He turned and said, "She's dead!"

The doctor rushed to her side, taking out his stethoscope, and in astonishment confirmed those sad words.

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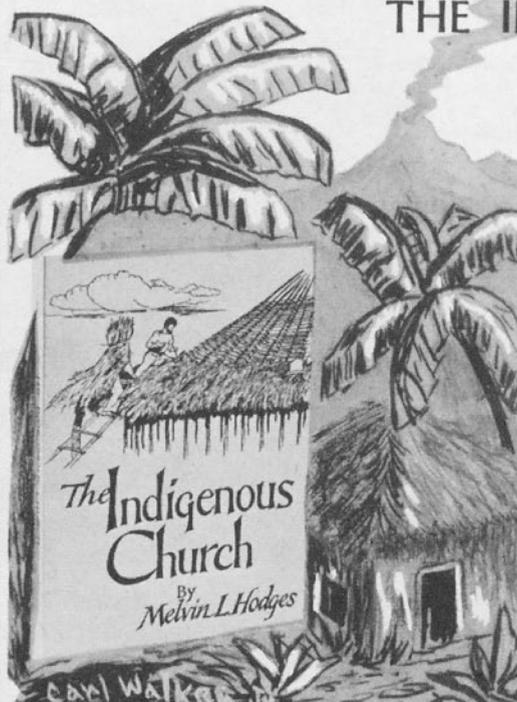
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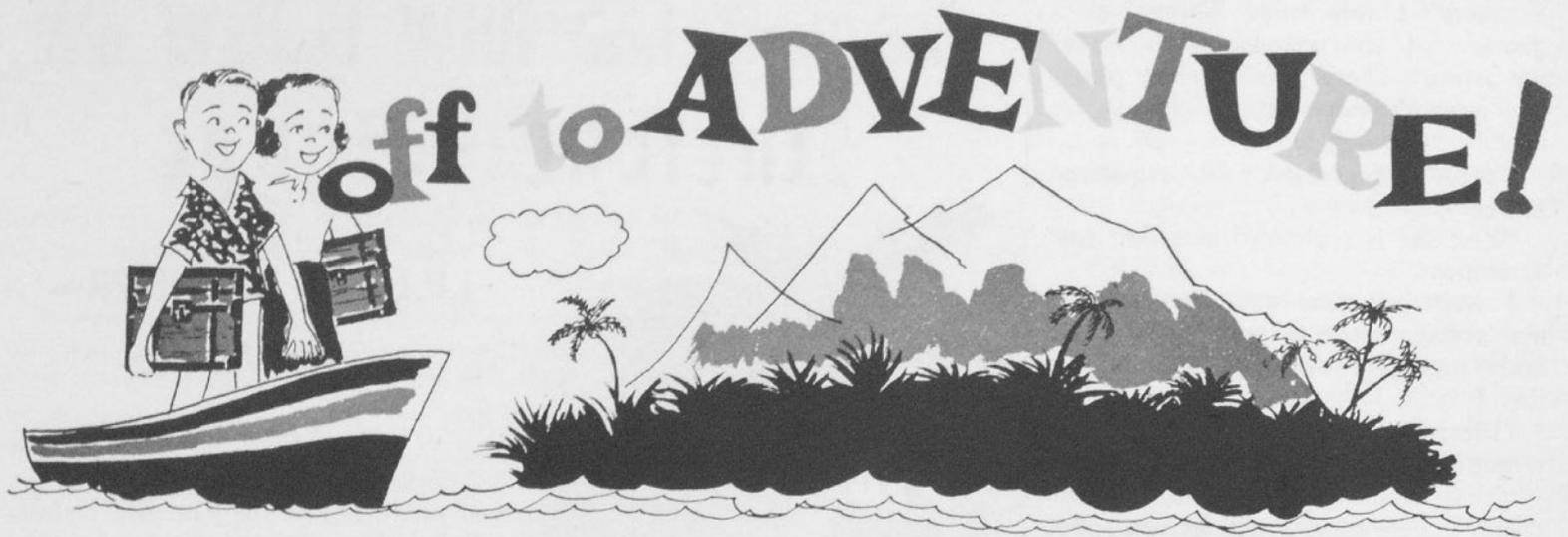
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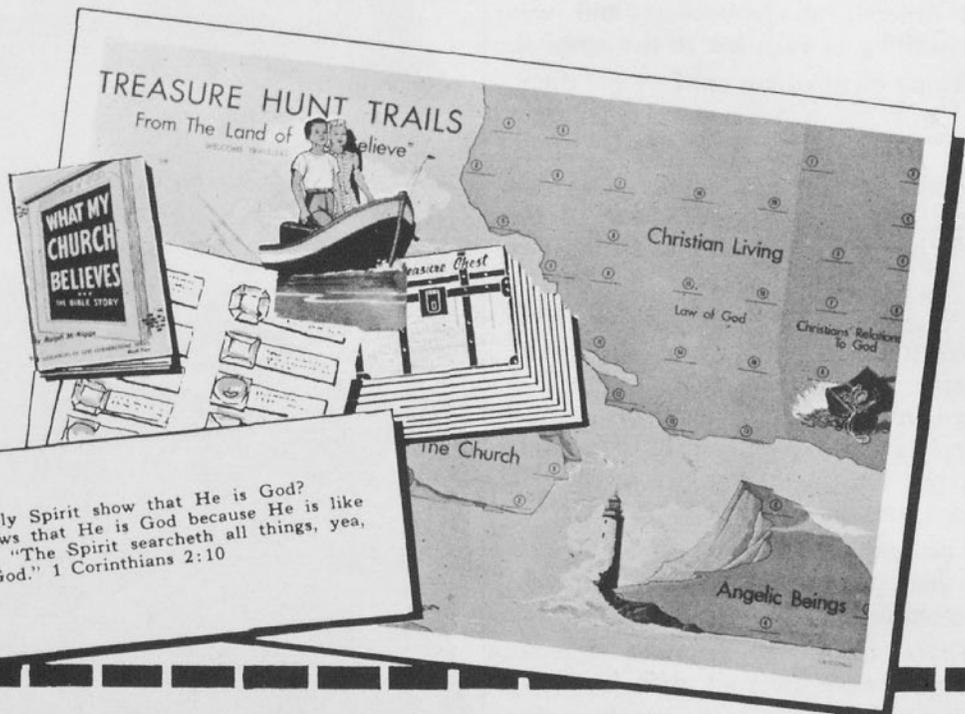
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Missionettes engage in many types of activities which benefit the local church as well as the home and foreign missionaries. Teen-age girls who belong to the South Akron Assembly of God Church in Akron, Ohio, will long be remembered for their part in paying off the mortgage on their church.

Following the Sunday morning service on December 29, an impressive-looking group of girls marched up the aisle and formed a line in front of the pulpit. Ruth Parker, Missionette president, handed pastor R. D. Dobbins an envelope which contained \$500 toward paying off the \$1800 indebtedness on the church. For two months the girls had been selling cookies, and they were exceedingly happy to have a part in making their church free of debt.

In addition the Missionettes gave \$25.00 for Lillian Trasher's Orphanage, \$25.00 for the National Children's Home, and \$30.00 toward a bookcase for the church library.

Mrs. Mildred Bittinger, Missionette sponsor, says the goal of burning the mortgage on the church was a big challenge to the girls. Their donation plus a special offering that last Sunday in December surpassed the amount needed by \$8.00.

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ward other girls in Sunday School, and as a result parents are showing a greater interest in Sunday School. One father who had not been in church for five years attended Sunday School after his daughter became a Missionette. ◀ ◀



The Standard of Christian Success

BY KENNETH LOEWEN

WHO IS THE MOST SUCCESSFUL PERSON YOU KNOW? Decide it in your mind; then ask yourself, Why did I choose that person?

If you analyze your reasons carefully, you will find that they indicate something about your own interests and goals in life. They will reveal what you consider important. If you esteem a person successful, probably you would gladly imitate him. There is no doubt a similarity in your sense of values.

Success automatically implies a comparison with some standard. Success in itself is not bad, but if the standard of success is inadequate, the result may be bad. One of the most common standards of success in the world today is material wealth. This is rather easy to evaluate, since record keeping is a necessity in our society. But material things pass away, so this is not an adequate standard for Christian success. For the Christian, success should involve things whose importance transcends temporal values.

Another very common measure of success is recognition by others. This may come as a result of either good or bad activity. Recognition is one thing the great man and the criminal have in common. Very often the motivation is much the same—only their means of attainment differ. But recognition which is of human origin will soon pass. Opinions constantly change. Such a standard hardly seems adequate for the Christian.

An area which would seem to give a higher basis for success is that of intellectual achievement. Not all people can attain success in this area since it requires some

special abilities which not all of us possess. Christian success should be attainable by everyone who becomes a Christian if it is to be a valid goal. This, then, would be ruled out as a final criterion of success.

Someone has written the following lines to show the importance of character as a measure of success:

"The man's no bigger than the way he treats his fellow man.

This Standard's been his measure ever since the world began.

He's measured not by tithes or creed, high-sounding though they be;

Not by the gold that's put aside, nor by his sanctity. He's measured not by social rank when character's the test,

Nor by his earthly pomp and show, displaying wealth possessed.

He's measured by his justice, right; his fairness at his play;

His squareness in all dealings made; his honest, upright way.

These are his measures, ever near to serve him when they can,

For man's no bigger than the way he treats his fellow man."

This is probably the highest human measure of success. But even this is not in itself an adequate measure of success for a Christian, since actions and motives may be misjudged. Judgment of character is often colored by the experience of the person making the judgment. Christian success should not be measured by one individual's knowledge of another. There should be some absolute standard for success.

For the Christian, Christ is the source and center of all things. In particular it is He who sets our standard for success. The basis of Christ's standard is obedience: "If ye love me, keep my commandments." Obedience to Christ implies many things. We cannot really obey Him unless we love Him. The two go hand in hand. Then part of the Christian measure of success will be a measure of how wholehearted a man is in his devotion to Christ. If he is successful here, this love will flow out not only to Christ but also to others.

This obedience may involve other things. Since service can be defined as love made visible, there often may be some kind of service connected with obedience. Mary of Bethany was performing an act of service when she anointed Christ shortly before His death. In fact, she was the only person for whom Christ promised perpetual remembrance, and it was for this act. This service cannot be selfish since Christ said that the ones who are first shall be last, and those who are last shall be first.

Christian success involves absolute obedience and discipleship in the fullest sense. "And whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant: even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many" (Matthew 20:27, 28).